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"Older than the New York Times"

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A student enjoys skiing in the snow-blanketed glen.

College to review Kirkland Project

by Kathleen McGrory '05
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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

In the wake of recent controversies surrounding the academic appointment of Susan Rosenberg and the invitation of speaker Ward Churchill, the Office of the President has appointed a faculty committee to review the Kirkland Project for the Study of Gender, Society and Culture.

In a memo dated January 21, 2005, College President Joan Hinde Stewart wrote that, "Recent events have raised questions about the Kirkland Project's mission, programming, budget and governance."

According to Associate Dean of the Faculty and Committee Chair Kirk Pillow, the hire of Rosenberg and the Churchill speaking engagement are partially responsible for the formation of the committee. Pillow asserted that the review also corresponds with a change in the Kirkland Project's director; Professor of Comparative Literature Nancy Rabinowitz, who has led the Project since its founding in 1996, will step down as director. She will be on sabbatical next fall – a leave that she said was planned well before the Susan Rosenberg controversy began.

Stewart wrote in her memo,

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Fox-Genovese speaks on abortion

by Jon Kuhl '06
MANAGING EDITOR

Speaking on the topic of abortion, Elizabeth Fox-Genovese, who is the Eleonore Raoul Professor of the Humanities and Professor of History at Emory University, delivered a pro-life talk entitled "Life or Death: Who Decides?" to a packed KJ Auditorium on Thursday, January 27th. The activist was introduced by History Professor Douglas Ambrose, who was later described by Fox-Genovese as one of her "favorite students of all time." Fox-Genovese also noted other current Hamilton faculty whom she has taught at various universities, including Professors Isserman and Paquette.

Fox-Genovese began her talk by acknowledging the topic's controversial nature, saying that abortion is "as contentious as any topic we are likely to discuss in our time." Discussing the pro-choice position first, Fox-Genovese identified the popular notion that a woman's right to an abortion is often believed in this country to be equal to that of other rights, such as freedom of speech.

Although admitting to having formally been what many would consider a feminist, Fox-Genovese believes that in order for women to be equal to men, they do not have to give up the ability to have children. Indeed, Fox-Genovese made her opinion quite clear when she stated that "abortion

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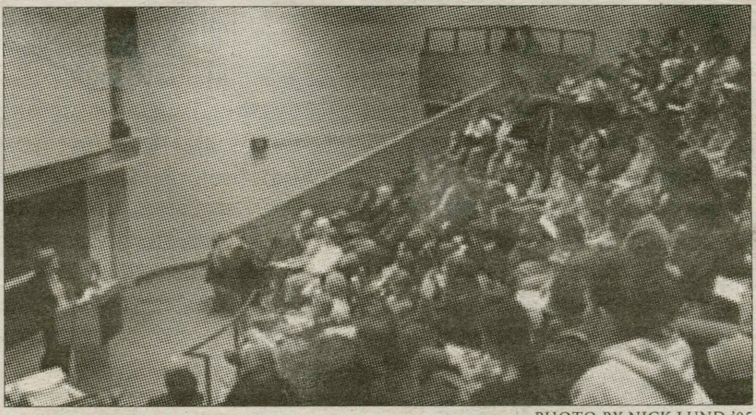

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Fox-Genovese addresses a crowded KJ Auditorium.

SA experiences financial shortfall

by Ian Mandel '06
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Student organizations spent more money than anticipated by Student Assembly (SA) during the fall semester, creating what Student Assembly President Michael Blasie '07 calls a "budget crunch" for the spring semester.

"Generally, student organizations do not spend all the money they are allocated each semester. Whether they've padded their requests or changed programming schedules, there is usually a significant amount of money each fall that is not spent. This year, however, student organizations fully utilized their funding and spent more than expected," said Director of Student Activities Lisa Magnarelli '96. "Therefore, there's not as much money for the spring semester as there has been historically."

According to Assistant Director of Student Activities Cameo Voltz, SA Treasurer David Waldman '07 and the SA Funding Committee will need to closely examine all budget proposals.

"Because the fall spending was very close to what was allocated, there is a responsibility to review proposals and grant funding more cautiously than in the past. Because the treasurer maintains a balanced budget, there is less room for error in the spring semester than in the fall, regardless of the financial situation," she said.

According to Waldman, SA budgeted $268,315 for the 2004-2005 academic year, an increase of more than $23,000 from last year. At the beginning of the semester, SA had $140,634.46

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Service honors tsunami victims

by Jessica Tepper '07
NEWS WRITER

Beyond borders, worlds apart, and differences aside, and in the dawn of a new semester the Hamilton community is coming together to do its part in observing and assisting the victims of the recent tsunamis in Southeast Asia.

On December 26, the most powerful earthquake in more than forty years occurred beneath the Indian Ocean, triggering massive tsunamis along the coasts of several nations. The waves have wiped out entire cities, ravaging particularly Indonesia, India, and Sri Lanka. As of this week, the total death toll stands at a staggering 212,000.

Last Friday, January 21, President Stewart and the College Chaplaincy organized a community gathering in the Chapel to remember those affected by the disaster. Stewart began the service with a few remarks on the heartrending and

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TKE sponsors lecture on the dangers of DUI

PHOTO BY LETTY BEDARD '06

Sterner addresses Chapel.

by Tess Patalano '07
NEWS WRITER

When coming back to campus during this cold winter semester, most students eagerly await the next opportunity to let loose in warm weather: spring break. On Wednesday, January 26, Mark Sterner spoke to Hamilton students about how a spring break trip turned into a nightmare for him and three of his fraternity brothers. Sterner was invited to speak by the Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) organization.

Matthew Colman, a TKE member and organizer of the event, comments on the reasons for inviting Sterner: "Many students have been told not to drink and drive, but hearing Mark's first hand account adds a deeper level of understanding and awareness to the entire community." Colman also relayed that TKE wanted to bring Mark to Hamilton to "help encourage the greek community to take a more active role in reducing the negative consequences of alcohol consumption."

Last year the alcohol coalition attempted to create a policy that would reduce the negative effects of drinking at Hamilton and as Colman affirms, drinking and driving is one of the most negative consequences of alcohol consumption.

Sterner related the following story to the audience in the Chapel. During his senior year at college, he and four of his friends spent spring break in Southwest Florida. Sterner videotaped their last night on Spring Break to watch twenty years later with his friends, but now he dismally showed it to the Hamilton audience.

The video began with the five men taking shots of

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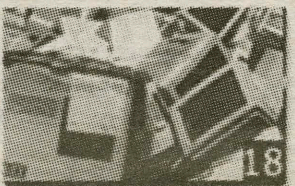

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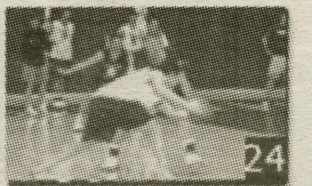

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Freeman Grants awarded to 2 profs.

by Katie Stinchfield '07
NEWS WRITER

Two Hamilton professors received a joint Freeman Foundation Research grant this month. Professors Hong Gang Jin and De Bao Xu were awarded these grants for their proposed research in the East Asian Languages and Literature Department, a department that they founded together.

Professor Xu, an Associate Professor of Chinese since 1998 and the chair of the East Asian Languages and Literature Department, will use the grant to travel to China this summer. He will study in Beijing for a month and a half, and the remainder of his research will take place in the United States.

According to his grant application, Professor Xu plans to investigate "the mode of application of Mandarin 3rd tone sandhi." The results of this study will attempt to explain the unsolved mysteries of Mandarin Chinese. This 3rd tone sandhi "phenomenon" was discovered by Yuanren Zaho in 1968 and has remained unsolved ever since.

The purpose of this research is to provide "a comprehensive, linguistic explanation for this unsolved mystery in human languages," Professor Xu writes. He will use his results to publish a monograph in Theoretical Linguistics in 2006.

"This research...fits into my professional development both as a scholar and as a Chinese language teacher," writes Professor Xu. "[It] will provide unique learning guidelines for teaching the 3rd tone sandhi to the second language learners. This research is the one that has interested me the most and has been on my research agenda for a long time."

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HAVOC fair showcases community service opportunities

by Jesse Walker '07
NEWS WRITER

HAVOC, Hamilton Action Volunteer Outreach Coalition, kicked off the spring semester with a fair held in Fillius Barn, Wednesday, January 26th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The event displayed all of the organization's community service options for interested students. For those who didn't make it, sign-up sheets will be available in Beinecke until next Tuesday.

Last year, approximately 100 students participated in HAVOC activities. Staff Coordinator, Danna Klein '05, has even higher hopes this year. "We'd like to see 200 people take part in HAVOC activities this semester," said Klein. With new and exciting programs available this year, attaining that number should prove easy.

Added programs include: The Salvation Army, offering used goods to those in need; Martin Luther King Jr. Tutoring, which takes place at a local elementary school; Swim Sessions at the Bristol Pool; and Rescue Mission, where students serve hot meals to the homeless.

PHOTO BY NICK LUND '07

Students sign up for volunteer opportunities at the HAVOC fair.

With Director, Haley Reimbold 06', abroad for the semester, HAVOC's executive board decided to reevaluate some priorities for the spring. In the past, tons of projects had taken place on a regular basis, but now the group wishes to focus on the quality of certain projects. "This semester our motto is 'less, but better,'" said Klein.

In the past, HAVOC dealt with several different issues. Last semester, the coalition held a Hunger Awareness and an Empowerment week. Both weeks were successful, but this semester the group wants to present one single, in-depth issue to the Hamilton community. HAVOC feels the issue of Intellectual Inequality needs addressing on campus, and the group plans to offer speakers, movies, activities, and even a late night event for the semester, all covering this topic. Additionally, HAVOC offers their traditional "brown bag

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Stewart appoints committee to review Kirkland Project

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"This is an appropriate time to reflect on the Project."

Pillow added, "The College departments and programs are reviewed approximately every 10 years, and the Kirkland Project has not been reviewed in it's eight year history."

But Rabinowitz worries that the timing of the review, which comes in the middle of a semester following two controversial Kirkland Project events, will give the community the impression that the College is acting directly in response to the recent controversies.

"The College is still supporting Ward Churchill coming, but because of its timing, this review could send the signal that it doesn't support the Kirkland Project. So it looks like a veiled attack on free speech," Rabinowitz stated.

According to Rabinowitz, Stewart and Dean of the Faculty and Vice-President for Academic Affairs David Paris personally informed her of the review last week.

"I was totally surprised and taken aback of course," she said. "My main feeling about it is that it was sprung on me and there doesn't seem to be much of a protocol or procedure, which appears anomalous."

The committee will be staffed by Pillow and four other members of the faculty: Associate Professor of Philosophy Katheryn Doran; Professor of Music Sam Pellman; Stephen Harper Kirner Professor of Computer Science Stuart Hirshfield; and Professor of English Margaret Thickstun. According to Pillow, the faculty members were chosen because they hold elected offices in other faculty committees.

The group will meet for the first time on Monday, January 31. Stewart has asked for the committee's recommendations by May 30, 2005.

In the meantime, members of the faculty have expressed mixed feelings about the review. Professor of Government Theodore Eismeier believes the upcoming review is in order. "Considering the events of this year, which have needlessly damaged Hamilton College, I believe a review of the Kirkland Project is necessary," he said.

Eismeier is especially interested in listening to the committee address two questions. "Is it appropriate for one and only one faculty group with a large budget from the College to have an obvious political agenda? As a recipient of College funds, does the Kirkland Project have an obligation to... develop programming that looks at complex issues from a variety of perspectives and promotes reasoned and civil discourse that serves Hamilton's primary academic mission?"

But Professor of Classics Barbara Gold, a member of the Kirkland Project Coordinating Committee, disagrees.

"Since we have submitted extensive reports on the activities of the Kirkland Project every year, we do not feel that a review was necessary," she said. "Of course we respect the president's right to do a review of departments and programs if and when she thinks it is appropriate; we do hope that the review of the Kirkland Project will be done according to standard procedures and in a wider context of department and program reviews."

Regardless of the review, Professor of History Esther Kanipe believes that the Kirkland Project is a valuable resource for Hamilton students.

"What the Kirkland Project does is highly valuable to many students," Kanipe said, citing such Project initiatives as College 130, the 1968 Sophomore Seminars and the research associates program. "Sometimes I don't think people realize that the Kirkland Project is behind so many of these initiatives. And they're all extremely successful."

The Kirkland Project was established in 1996, and serves as an on-campus organization committed to exploring issues of race, class, gender, sexuality, and disability. The Project is not formally associated with any academic department but does receive funding from the College.

Rabinowitz was unsure what, if any, changes would be implemented or action would be taken, although she was adamant that the Kirkland Project has nothing to hide. Clearly emotional, with tears in her eyes, Rabinowitz stated, "We've frequently worked twelve hour days for this school, and believe me, it's not for the money."

Speaker compares abortion to Holocaust

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is the taking of a human life."

Going even further, Fox-Genovese compared abortions to a genocide equal to that of the Holocaust. She argues that when individuals start choosing who lives and who dies such a society "opens the road to the Holocaust." Responding to Fox-Genovese's comparison of abortion to the Holocaust, Caroline O'Shea '07, who is pro-choice, stated that "invoking the Holocaust when talking about abortion is extreme and irresponsible rhetoric."

Equally controversial, Fox-Genovese made the case that abortion allows white upper-middle-class society to get rid of unwanted black, diseased, and retarded babies. Commenting further on abortion's connection to racial issues, Fox-Genovese mentioned that more black babies have been killed because of abortion than lynching in the post-civil war period.

In what seemed like an attempt to return to her feminist roots, Fox-Genovese discussed the roles of men and women when it comes to abortion. Although taking offense to a woman's choice to choose abortion instead of giving up their career, Fox-Genovese placed even more of the responsibility on men. Telling the audience that "abortion is less about the liberation of women than it is about liberating men," she blamed men for being too willing to choose abortion over fatherhood.

After her talk, Fox-Genovese responded to questions from the audience. During this period of the lecture, the activist expressed two very controversial opinions. First, in arguing that women who choose to have abortions are killing another life, Fox-Genovese explained that "none of us has an absolute right to their body." Discussing the social implications of fewer abortions, Fox-Genovese expressed a preference for orphanages, and explained that the reason most people reject them is because they are expensive.

Reacting to Fox-Genovese's talk, Scott Iseman '07, who is pro-life, explained that he was disappointed in Fox-Genovese because she "sacrificed the legitimacy of her argument when she distracted from her true message by instead discussing the more controversial topics, like slavery and the Holocaust." Iseman went on to say that when "people come out of here, they're talking about the contentious issues, instead of what she was really here to talk about - the value of life."

Elizabeth Fox-Genovese will be followed next Wednesday by Gloria Feldt, the President of Planned Parenthood. According to History Professor Maurice Isserman, who is organizing Feldt's visit to campus, "I was pleased that, at the suggestion of my history colleague Doug Ambrose, the Levitt Center decided to invite Elizabeth Fox-Genovese to offer a counter-view." Following both speakers' talks, the Hamilton College Democrats will be sponsoring a panel discussion on the issue of abortion.

IVORY TOWERS

THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

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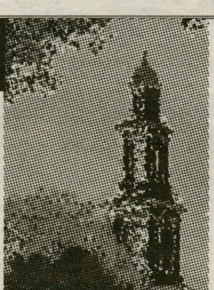

Williams Hoping to Shine at Senior Bowl

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) -- Carnell Williams has been a center of attention at the Senior Bowl all week, visiting with NFL head coaches, doing nonstop interviews and lobbying hard to become the first tailback picked in April's draft.

His chief competition for that spot, Auburn teammate Ronnie Brown and Texas' Cedric Benson, opted to skip the showcase game for top senior NFL prospects.

The Tigers thrived with Williams and Brown splitting time in the backfield, though it meant neither had gaudy statistics. Maybe that will change in the pros.

"I definitely want to get my share of carries and be the feature back and bring some team that I play on to the Super Bowl in the near future," said Williams, a second-team AP All-American as a senior.

He and California's J.J. Arrington are the two most high-profile backs in Saturday's game. Kay-Jay Harris of West Virginia and Tennessee's Cedric Houston are among these joining Williams in the South backfield. Kansas State's 5-foot-5 sparkplug Darren Sproles is one of the North running backs.

Williams has met with Dolphins coach Nick Saban and spent plenty of time with the Bucs' Jon Gruden, coach of the South team. Both have top five picks and are in the market for a tailback. Williams has enthusiastically praised both teams and coaches.

Gruden gave a tongue-in-cheek assessment of his interest in Williams, who led Auburn to a 13-0 record and No. 2 final ranking.

"I don't believe we'd even think about him," he said, grinning.

"He can stop on a dime. He can go from here to there as well as a lot of people," Gruden said. "He's a good kid. You watch him score touchdowns inside the 5 as a short-yardage runner, he runs with power. He's just a hell of a back if you ask me."

Williams said he didn't follow Brown or Benson in turning down invitations because, "I just want to be the No. 1 back once I leave here.

"Between now and April, anything could happen, anything could change," said Williams, who broke Bo Jackson's Auburn record with 45 rushing touchdowns and finished second in career yards rushing. "I'm not getting my heart sold on going to Miami or going to the Bucs, because I know this is a business. Whatever happens, I'm just excited."

Michigan State LB Steals Hula Spotlight

WAILUKU, Hawaii (AP) -- With NFL scouts watching closely, Ronald Stanley upstaged the big names at the Hula Bowl. The Michigan State linebacker scored two defensive touchdowns Saturday to rally the East to a 20-13 victory over West in the Hula Bowl.

"I've always been an underrated guy," Stanley said. "It was my time to show what I can do."

Down 6-0, the East scored 20 straight points in the third quarter, including Stanley's 38-yard fumble return and a 50-yard interception return.

Stanley's TDs gave the East a 13-6 lead and the momentum. It also earned him the East's MVP award.

His first TD was a heads-up play.

The ball was knocked out of Hawaii quarterback Timmy Chang's hand and most players stood around believing the play was dead. But Stanley picked the ball off the grass and ran for a touchdown to put the East up 7-6.

"I saw it rolling and rolling," Stanley said. "I broke out, picked it up and was able to get into the end zone."

Four plays later, Stanley intercepted an errant pass from Texas Tech's Sonny Cumbie at midfield, streaked down the right sideline and dove into the end zone.

"It was a great day. I enjoyed myself," Stanley said.

WORLD NEWS

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Iraq Insurgents Kill 12 As Election Nears

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) -- Insurgents stepped up attacks Thursday against polling centers across Iraq, killing at least a dozen people, including a U.S. Marine, in the rebel campaign to frighten Iraqis away from participating in this weekend's election.

As part of an intensifying campaign of intimidation, an al-Qaida affiliate led by Jordanian terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi posted a videotape on the Internet showing the murder of a candidate from the party of interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi.

The tape included a warning to Allawi personally: "You traitor, wait for the angel of death."

To protect voters on Sunday, hundreds of American soldiers began moving out of their massive garrison on the western edge of Baghdad to take up positions at smaller bases throughout the city to respond more quickly to any election day attacks.

Sunni Muslim insurgents have threatened to disrupt the balloting, when Iraqis choose a 275-member National Assembly and governing councils in the country's 18 provinces. Voters in the Kurdish self-governing area of the north will select a new regional parliament.

In the former rebel stronghold of Fallujah, where opposition to the balloting is strong, U.S. Marines drove through the city Thursday, urging people through loudspeakers to turn out Sunday. Spokesman 1st Lt. Lyle Gilbert said the Marines were "encouraging people to capitalize on this opportunity to exercise their voice by voting in the upcoming free elections."

Iraqi newspapers also published for the first time the names of some 7,000 National Assembly candidates, many of whose identities had been kept secret to protect them from assassination.

The interim government will deploy an additional 2,500 troops to help guard the elections, the Defense Ministry said. A total of 300,000 Iraqi and multinational troops will provide security, with Iraq's U.S.-trained forces taking the lead role.

World Leaders Mark Auschwitz Liberation

BRZEZINKA, Poland (AP) -- Snowflakes swirled around the crematoriums and barbed wire of Auschwitz, and a shrill train whistle pierced the silence as frail survivors and humbled world leaders remembered the victims of the Holocaust on Thursday, the 60th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi death camp.

Candles flickered in the darkening winter gloom of the sprawling site, which Israeli President Moshe Katsav called "the capital of the kingdom of death."

During World War II, 1.5 million people - mostly Jews - were killed at the site. Others who perished there included Soviet prisoners of war, Poles, Gypsies, Jehovah's Witnesses, homosexuals and political opponents of the Nazis.

The haunting commemoration was held at the place where new arrivals stumbled out of cattle cars and were met by Nazi doctors who chose a few to be worked to death while the rest were sent immediately to gas chambers. Others died of starvation, exhaustion, beatings and disease.

"It seems if you listen hard enough, you can still hear the outcry of horror of the murdered people," Katsav said. "When I walk the ground of the concentration camps, I fear that I am walking on the ashes of the victims."

As night fell and the ceremony ended with a locomotive whistle blaring over loudspeakers, a half-mile of train tracks leading from the front gate to the crematoriums were set ablaze in a pyrotechnic display - two flaming rails amid the snow.

Soviet troops liberated Auschwitz and neighboring Birkenau - the occupiers' names for Polish Oswiecim and Brzezinka - on Jan. 27, 1945.

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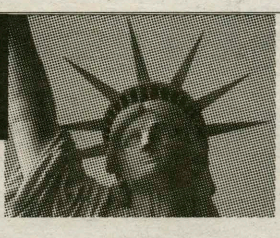

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Planned Parenthood President Resigns

NEW YORK (AP) -- Gloria Feldt, president of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America for the past eight years, has resigned, the abortion rights organization announced Thursday.

"Gloria made her decision to step down after a long 30-year career, and she has not made any announcements about her next step," federation spokeswoman Elizabeth Toledo said.

A message left for Feldt was not immediately returned Thursday.

A national search for a new president will begin immediately, Planned Parenthood chairwoman La Don Love said in a news release. Karen Pearl, chief executive of Planned Parenthood of Nassau County, N.Y., will serve as interim president.

"We honor Gloria Feldt's contributions to Planned Parenthood and to the global movement for reproductive justice," Love said. "Her leadership has resulted in significant achievements for the organization and for women and families worldwide."

The 90-year-old organization, the country's largest provider of abortions, had been a favorite target of abortion foes, whom Feldt once described as "guerrilla fighters" who resent changes that have given women more choices about sex and childbearing.

Planned Parenthood Federation of America Inc., based in New York, has been a polarizing organization since its precursor - a clinic in Brooklyn - was founded in 1916 by pioneering birth control advocate Margaret Sanger. Its clinics treat more than 2.5 million people a year, offering abortions, contraceptives, pregnancy and breast cancer tests, gynecological exams and other services.

*Gloria Feldt is scheduled to speak at Hamilton next week.

Calif. Couple Sues to End Gay-Marriage Ban

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) -- Calling gays "the most oppressed minority since slavery," an attorney for a gay couple urged a judge Thursday to overturn California and federal laws banning same-sex marriage.

The lawsuit is one of only a few challenges to gay marriage bans that are pending in federal court, and the case is being closely watched nationwide.

"It now falls to you to uphold the principles of liberty," attorney Richard Gilbert told U.S. District Judge Gary Taylor during a five-hour hearing.

The judge, after detailed questioning in the lawsuit filed by Christopher Hammer and Arthur Smelt, said he would not issue an immediate ruling, but would take some time to consider the arguments.

California recognizes only marriages between a man and a woman, and the federal law allows states to disregard gay marriages performed in other states and foreign countries. Hammer and Smelt, both 45, had a private commitment ceremony in 1997 and applied for a marriage license from Orange County last year. They filed suit after they were turned down.

"It was something that needed to be done," Hammer said outside the courthouse.

Lawyers for the county, state and federal governments and two private groups backing California's ban on gay marriage argued that the couple have failed to prove they have been victims of unconstitutional discrimination in their bid to gain official recognition of their marriage.

Christopher Krueger, a lawyer for the California attorney general's office, noted that same-sex couples can register in the statewide domestic partners registry and are protected against discrimination by legislation.

"Marriage has always meant a man and a woman. That is what is fundamental about marriage," said Scott Simpson, a Department of Justice lawyer.

Students, faculty reflect on Indian Ocean disaster

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incomprehensible devastation of the tsunamis. Following her, Jeff McArn, college chaplain, and members of Hillel and the Muslim community offered prayers of condolence.

Professor of Anthropology Douglas Raybeck then shared his expertise on Southeast Asia in a discussion of the short and long-term political, economic, and social consequences of the tsunamis. Raybeck warned that the situation will continue to worsen as disease spreads and as the reconstruction of homes and schools lingers. This situation will grow even more ominous in the near future when the immediate crisis is perceived to be over and an ebbing of foreign relief sets in.

Finally, Malcolm Freddie Dias '05 concluded the service with a recollection of his personal experience with the tsunamis in his home of Sri Lanka. Dias resides in Battaramulla, a town located 20-30km inland from the island's west coast.

He described his experience to the audience: "At the time when the first waves hit the north-east coast, I was visiting some of the ancient ruins in the central region of the country. We were climbing one of the stone fortresses when the first news of the tsunami reached us by word-of-mouth. However at that point we had no idea how big the waves had been. I managed to catch a little of the local news while checking out of our hotel room later that morning and learned about the earthquake near Indonesia that was feared to have caused the tsunami. However it was only while listening to the radio news on the way back to Colombo that we realized the magnitude of what had happened. Every few minutes a new city that was affected would be announced and the casualty figures kept getting higher and higher. By the time we reached Colombo, the government had declared a state of emergency."

Dias continued, "The damage was almost beyond belief. We kept talking about how we had planned to be on the beach that day but by some stroke of luck had changed plans at the last moment. I guess most of us were in shock and were just happy to be alive...Many of the affected people in my country were poor farmers and fishermen. These people lived a daily struggle to survive and make ends meet. For them it is not the physical loss of house or possessions that matter – they had little of those anyway. It is the loss of their way of life, the loss of community [villagers live in a very close-knit community] and loss of loved ones that they grieve. You could give these people all the money in the world but they would not be able to rebuild their lives to what it used to be. For many of them, that life is lost, and a new one is about to begin."

Dias tragically lost an uncle to the tsunami, yet the rest of his family and his home survived. He spent the remainder of his winter break working on a project to build a centralized database to store information about all the affected people currently in refugee camps.

"I would be lying if I said that it didn't affect me greatly," he says. "It is a difficult time for the community in Sri Lanka now. The next few months we will see many white flags (as signs of mourning) and many religious ceremonies to commemorate the dead. It is hard to be optimistic and move on in that sort of an environment, but I hope our people can be strong and not let this disaster steal their futures as well."

Kappa Sigma Alpha, a campus organization focused largely on community service, held a tsunami relief money drive last week in Beinecke. From Tuesday through Thursday, members of the group set up tables where passersby could offer their spare change to the relief fund.

"We had a really good response to this drive," says President Laura Dick '06. In total, the organization raised over $300, all of which went to the American Red Cross International Response Fund for Tsunami Relief.

"People donated anywhere between spare pocket change to $50 checks," she commented. Dick and other members of the group attributed the large financial success of this drive to the widespread awareness of this crisis. Because people understood the gravity of this disaster, due in part to vast media coverage, students were more apt to offer their resources.

Along the same lines, the Bush Administration has recently promised $650 million in aid for the nations hit by the tsunamis. But whether $650 million will actually be paid by the government remains in question, especially given his recent request for an additional $80 billion in Iraqi military funding.

"Like Professor Raybeck said last Friday," reminds Dias, "the biggest need will come when the tsunami falls out of the spotlight of the media. By then reconstruction work will be underway and people will start needing money and building supplies to rebuild houses and other structures. There won't be as much aid available then and many people will need help at that point in time."

"While the aid pours into our country," Dias continues, "these people will have food to eat from the camps and will probably even get their houses rebuilt, but before long they will be plunged into poverty once again and struggle to survive the everyday-tsunamis. Maybe if the media spotlight remains on that region, the rest of the world will see what it really means to live in poverty. I may be a little over-optimistic, but I hope that somehow this disaster will inspire more people to work toward eradicating poverty, which is the biggest problem for more than half of the world's population."

Sterner addresses consequences of DUI

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Jagermeister at their condo, then cut to the friends happily singing while driving to a nearby bar. They made it there safely, and the video shows the men dancing and having a good time. In the last part of the video Mark's voice suggests that the friends go to another bar and at 12:15 a.m. they got in the Lincoln Town car headed towards home. As the video cuts out, the blank screen displays horrific images of a disassembled car. Sterner was driving at sixty miles per hour when the car skidded off the road into a tree, ejecting all five men from the car.

Sterner told how Jim, Pete and Aaron, the first men in the video to take shots, were killed instantly while the fourth passenger, Darren, survived. Sterner, the driver, survived as well, but was charged with the murder of his three friends. After two surgeries for various injuries including nine broken ribs, a broken pelvis, and the loss of 1/3 of the blood in his body, Sterner served three years in a maximum security prison as sanctioned by the state of Florida.

After the video, he came out from behind a curtain dressed in an orange prison jump-suit to demonstrate the effects of the horrific accident. He explained that his blood alcohol content was .17 that night, which is twice the legal limit of both New York and Florida state law. His friends' blood alcohol contents were all .22 and above, and he cynically pointed out that his friends were correct in choosing him as the "soberest" driver. All passengers were not wearing seatbelts, and Mark was later told that if they were, they all would have survived. He also told the audience that statistics prove more passengers die in DUI accidents than drivers, as his experience verifies.

Currently, Mark speaks at colleges all across the country and his 12 year probation sentence will be completed this coming November. Mark was only months away from being the first person in his family to graduate college, yet it was brought to a halt because of a spring break night that he will never forget. The gravity of his lesson left the Hamilton audience in silence.

He used his last words to remind the students to have fun, but to think twice before driving drunk with your friends: "You'll miss them when they are gone."

HAVOC hopes to increase participation in volunteer activities

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lunches" (educational luncheons involving academic departments and HAVOC) about Educational Inequality as well.

New director John Pappano '05 believes the issue needs addressing for several reasons: "Since educational resources at a great liberal arts college like Hamilton are abounding, many people may take these resources for granted." Pappano elaborated further, stating, "We're not necessarily focusing on the education of the underprivileged, but we're analyzing all kinds of disparities, like the differences between public and private schools."

In the past, popular activities have been projects like Big Brother, where Hamilton students pair up with children from the Rome and Utica areas and enjoy community events. Other highly-accepted events include Alternative Spring Break, in which students spend a week with agencies like the Cumberland Trail Conference. Habitat for Humanity is well-liked, and this project involves working on adequate housing for people in need. Each of these projects has enjoyed the help of around forty individuals per semester.

Students without the time necessary to enjoy weekly projects took part in past events such as Martin Luther King Day and Make a Difference Day, where students and community members could donate as little as two to four hours one day to community service.

These contributions, done on a large scale help out the Hamilton community greatly as well. Unfortunately, the next Make a Difference Day is not until next spring.

Other broader areas of community service are youth programs like on-campus tutoring. Teens and adolescents receive Hamilton help as well from programs like Utica's Lincoln Academy Study Buddies. Another category of aid focuses on those who have special needs and the elderly. Projects for this category include the Abraham House and AIDS Community Resources. Also, HAVOC addresses the homeless with many projects like the Food Salvage program and the aforementioned Habitat for Humanity.

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The Spectator

"Older than the New York Times"

The Spectator learned Thursday that President Stewart has formed a commmittee to immediately examine the Kirkland Project's "mission, programming, budget, and governance." This sudden commission comes in the wake of two very heated controversies. The first ended with the withdrawl of Susan Rosenberg from her artist/activist-in-residence position. The current issues surrounds upcoming panelist Ward Churchill, who has been attacked by members of the Hamilton community and by concerned onlookers, many of whom have flooded this issue with letters to the editor (see pages 9-10). Although the vast majority of Hamiltonians are disgusted by Churchill's lack of sympathy and understanding for the victims of 9/11, the College is allowing him to come in the name of academic diversity. *The Spectator* has been contacted by numerous 9/11 family members, angered at Churchill's imminent visit. It seems obvious that administrative offices have been swamped with e-mails, phone calls and letters as well. Is the sudden examination of the Kirkland Project (conveniently occuring amidst a second major controversy in the matter of months) a coincidence? While possible, it seems like a wild stretch.

Like all campus departments and programs, the Kirkland Project should be subject to examination; however, the timing of this examination is troubling. We strongly hope that the formation of a committee to evaluate the merits of the Kirkland Project will not be used to silence, scare or eliminate a voice on campus just because it brings controversy, and consequently negative press, to the College.

Silencing any voice on campus, be it that of the most liberal or the most conservative group, is in violation of the principles that this College prides itself on. As a liberal arts institute, Hamilton has the obligation to put the careful examination of ideas and the pursuit of higher learning above the desire to raise money and bring praise from newspapers.

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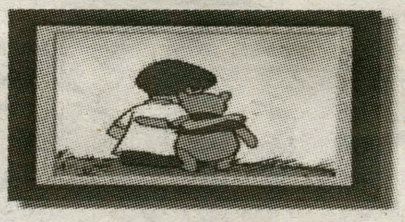

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SA experiences "budget crunch"

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remaining in the treasury. Funding requests from the Samuel Kirkland Film Society, the Ski Club, the Class of 2008, the Mock Trial team and HAVOC for events that needed payment prior to the budgeting process have since reduced this figure to an aggregate total of $129,668.36.

"Usually we have a little more...groups did spend a higher percentage of their actual funds, which meant their budgets were a little more accurate than in the past," Waldman said.

According to Magnarelli, Voltz and Waldman, SA's ability to function will not be impaired, despite a smaller than average spring budget.

"Student Assembly is never able to fund all proposed activities, but this semester it does have less flexibility to support unanticipated, large-scale proposals," Voltz stated. "The amount of funding available is significant, and will support the relevant activity and programs of student organizations. However, additional spending on irrelevant activity may be limited based on proposals that are submitted to the Assembly."

Waldman explained that the Funding Committee will examine budgets submitted by clubs and organizations and subsequently make recommendations to SA on how much to appropriate.

Waldman reaffirmed that clubs will likely get their requested funding

"Clubs are still going to be getting funding. There's not a lack of it. It's that we're going to be looking at things more carefully than in the past, looking at what the clubs will be doing for the campus and looking at what types of things Student Assembly should be funding," he stated.

Magnarelli was adamant that the spring shortfalls will not pose any problems, but that all student organizations, including SA, need to spend responsibly.

"Groups having dinners should use meal exchange, students need to be cognizant of our tax exempt status, frivolous spending will be monitored, and groups will need to shop around for the best prices and negotiate fees," she said. "These are all strategies treasurers should be employing anyway."

The Spectator is among the numerous organizations funded by Student Activities, although this funding, appropriated through the College Media Board, is not drawn from the SA operating budget.

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Jin, Xu recieve Freeman Grants

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Professor Xu obtained his MA in Classical Chinese at Beijing Normal University in 1985. He completed his PhD in Linguistics at the University of Illinois in 1989 and 1991. He has authored a number of books, including seven Chinese textbooks.

Professor Jin, also a Professor of Chinese in the East Asian Languages and Literature Department, will use her grant to study Chinese as a foreign language acquisition. Her research will be completed through Hamilton's Associated Colleges in China program this summer.

"The Chinese language field has seen significant growth. The field has also produced an unprecedented number of high quality teaching materials and incorporated the most advanced technology into our daily teaching," Professor Jin said. "As president of the Chinese Language Teachers' Association for this year and recipient of the 1998 Professor of the Year Award from the Carnegie Foundation, I feel obligated to dedicate and contribute my time and efforts to the understanding of the Chinese language and learning process."

Professor Jin will spend the summer in Beijing gathering data. Her research will involve "video taping and transcribing the interaction between students and teachers during the summer session," she said. She will use Hamilton's program as her study site. According to Professor Jin's proposal for the grant, "part of the data collection has already begun in the summer of 2004 through video-taping sessions during class. She will transcribe these tapes and enter them into a computer to further code, categorize, and analyze them.

"I feel this empirical research would be the best gift to my students as Hamilton as well as to my field," Professor Jin said. Professor Jin has been a professor of Chinese at Hamilton for 15 years. Like Professor Xu, she earned her MA from the University of Illinois. Professor Jin received her PhD from the University of Illinois in 1989.

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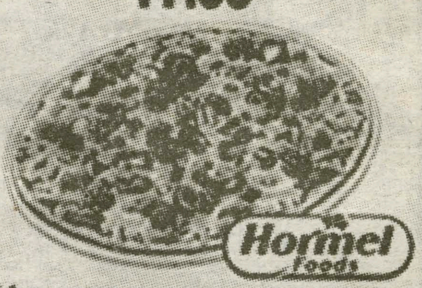

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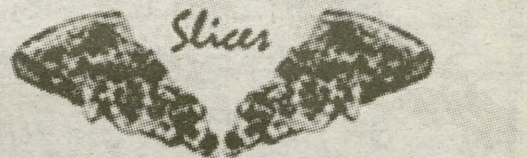

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Would Malcolm X be welcome to speak at Hamilton College?

by Maurice Isserman
PROFESSOR OF HISTORY

Every spring, one of the books I assign to students enrolled in my Introduction to American Studies course is the Autobiography of Malcolm X, a book published shortly after its author's assassination in 1965. Malcolm X was a deeply flawed man who struggled mightily to overcome his shortcomings and left a vivid record of that struggle in his autobiography. As I'm sure many readers of the Spectator already know, he was born in poverty and obscurity in 1925 as Malcolm Little; by the time he was the age of a first-year Hamilton student he had become a pimp, a thief, a con-man, a drug-dealer and a drug-addict. Convicted of theft, he underwent a jail-house religious conversion and emerged from prison with a new name and identity. As Malcolm X, he would become a leading spokesman for the Nation of Islam, a group also known as the "Black Muslims."

In the 1950s and early 1960s, Malcolm preached a strange blend of devout Islam and racial paranoia. Following the teachings of the Nation of Islam's founder Elijah Muhammad, Malcolm argued that white people were devils, a misbegotten race spawned by a mad scientist in ancient times, destined to oppress and exploit the colored peoples of the world until overthrown in a violent revolution. Not surprisingly, given his background and his views, Malcolm X was a polarizing figure. He offended some black Americans when he attacked the leaders of the mainstream civil rights movement, including Martin Luther King, as "Uncle Toms" bent on currying white favor at the expense of black freedom. And when President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in 1963, Malcolm offended many Americans, both white and black, by calling Kennedy's death an example of "the chickens coming home to roost"— that is suggesting that in some way Kennedy, or the nation he led, had it coming.

At the time of his own assassination less than two years later, Malcolm was in the midst of changing his views dramatically. He left the Nation of Islam and repudiated many of its teachings; he no longer regarded all white people as devils and softened his criticisms of Martin Luther King. His autobiography, nonetheless, can still be read as a call for armed revolution, and contains passages that can only be interpreted as misogynist and anti-Semitic.

For all its troubling aspects, the Autobiography of Malcolm X is today widely recognized as a great work of American memoir-writing, as influential in its own time as another book I assign my American Studies students, Benjamin Franklin's Autobiography; like Franklin's 18th century masterpiece, Malcolm's autobiography explores in original and provocative ways questions of sin, repentance, redemption and the classic American quest for individual self-definition.

Sometimes in my teaching I fantasize about how wonderful it would be if I had the power to resurrect an author or historical figure from the past, and bring them to class. I'd love to be able to ask Malcolm what he thought of the way he is remembered today, what he thought of Spike Lee's movie about him, and the merchandising extravaganza ("X" baseball caps, and the like) it spawned.

So let's imagine for a moment that I could bring Malcolm back to life. Would anybody object if he came to talk to my class? And as long as I've got Malcolm up and walking about, would anybody object if I persuaded him to teach a course at Hamilton for a month as an "artist-in-residence"?

I suspect not. Fame, and the passage of time, have sanitized and legitimized Malcolm in ways that he would be the first to find astonishing. In death, he has become an icon of self-respect and self-help, divorced in popular memory from the revolutionary doctrines he once preached. Were he resurrected from the grave and dusted off, I can even imagine Malcolm being welcomed to the field house podium in the College's Great Name Speakers series. And, indeed, he would be an interesting speaker.

Yes, America loves advocates of unpopular causes, like William Lloyd Garrison, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Eugene Debs, and many others. We love them, that is, as long as they are many decades dead and gone, and the rough edges no longer so visible. (Martin Luther King, whose birthday we just celebrated, is another good example: we remember King as the apostle of racial harmony and non-violent protest; we tend to forget he was also an outspoken critic of the arms race, the war in Vietnam, and economic inequality.) We forget how unpopular the anti-slavery cause, the women's suffrage movement and the labor movement once were, not to mention the black nationalism that Malcolm X espoused.

Yes, as a nation we love those dead radicals - we're just not so fond of them while they're alive. I wonder what would have happened if one of my predecessors had invited Malcolm X to Hamilton back in the days when he was still alive and rhetorically kicking, let's say right after he made his "chickens coming home to roost" comment? I think, from what I know of the history of this place, that he would have been allowed to speak. But conservative pundits would have grumped about it, and demanded to know what kind of so-called educational institution would expose its students to the views of a thief, a pimp, a convict, a violent revolutionary? Some trustees and some parents would have been upset; some alumni would have withheld contributions; some prospective students would have decided to apply elsewhere. And the faculty member who had been so brash as to invite Malcolm in the first place would doubtless face the scorn of at least some of her or his colleagues. I know what you're thinking. Susan Rosenberg is no Malcolm X. Perhaps not. Truth be told, she would not have been my first choice as a visiting lecturer. Like my colleagues who wrote an op-ed in *The Spectator* last week, I've also read John Castellucci's book about the Brinks robbery - I even reviewed it, favorably, when it first came out-and the Big Dance does not leave one with any admiration for Rosenberg's politics or actions twenty-odd years ago.

The example of Malcolm's life should remind us that people change and are capable of repentance for their own misdeeds. But Susan Rosenberg, sincerely repentant or otherwise, is not the only issue here. My primary concern throughout this controversy has been whether we are to remain the kind of college that truly believes in free speech. The history of higher education in this country shows time and again how that principle has been treated as expendable in times of crisis - which is why I would recommend another book to those who are interested in the Susan Rosenberg controversy and all of its ramifications, Ellen Schrecker's No Ivory Tower: McCarthyism and the Universities.

I have no doubt that my colleagues who objected in the last issue of the Spectator to Susan Rosenberg and Ward Churchill sincerely believe in the principles of academic freedom. They are not McCarthyites. They just think that the Kirkland Project erred in extending an invitation to speak at Hamilton in these particular cases. They want worthy advocates of unpopular causes to be welcomed at the college - just not these two speakers, whom they deem unworthy.

But I would be careful in drawing such distinctions. The wild-eyed fanatics of one generation often turn out to be the respected forerunners of common sense for the next. And even if we can be pretty sure — and I think we can — that Susan Rosenberg is not going to turn out in historical perspective to be the literary, political or moral equivalent of a Malcolm X, caution is still in order. Categorical exclusions tend to take on a life of their own. Last semester Susan Rosenberg was unacceptable because she was personally implicated at one time in her life in an act of terrorism. This semester Ward Churchill is unacceptable because, although he has no record of personal involvement in such activities, he made offensive comments along the lines of "chickens coming home to roost" about the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. One exclusion acts as precedent for the next — and the next, and the next. How many semesters will it be before we have enough precedents piled up that we start excluding speakers because they criticize the Bush administration's "war on terrorism" in Iraq, or "anti-terrorist" domestic legislation like the Patriot Act?

It can't happen here, you say? We only want to keep out the genuine kooks, fanatics and outright apologists for evil? I would find that more reassuring if I did not remember how similarly well-intentioned compromises paved the way for the McCarthy era of the 1950s. When it comes down to a judgment call between extending too much free speech or guaranteeing too little, the safer call favors erring on the side of excess.

Malcolm X did get to speak at a number of colleges and universities in the early 1960s, although not at Hamilton. Here is what he wrote in his autobiography of the experience:

"Except for all black audiences, I liked the college audiences best. The college sessions sometimes ran two to four hours - they often ran overtime. Challenges, queries, and criticisms were fired at me by the usually objective and always alive and searching minds of undergraduate and graduate students, and their faculties. The college sessions never failed to be exhilarating. They never failed in helping me to further my own education."

Malcolm X said many things in his lifetime; some of his ideas were worth listening to, some were nonsense, and some were offensive. Nevertheless, I wish I had been at one of those exhilarating college talks he gave, where challenges, queries and criticisms educated both audience and speaker. That is the kind of experience Hamilton should strive to offer its students as often as possible. It would be a pity if we stopped being the kind of college where a Malcolm X would be welcome to speak.

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Drawing Criticism

Crisis of academic freedom at Hamilton College:

Why Ward Churchill ≠ Susan Rosenberg

by Britten Chase '05
INSIGHTS AND IDEAS EDITOR

I believe the saying I am looking for is: Let sleeping dogs die. Here we go again. A new semester, and a new controversy.

That didn't take long at all.

Get ready for the Kirkland Project's latest and greatest lecture series: an entire semester dedicated to dealing with the issues we thought we dealt with last semester. The first event kicks off Thursday, February 3 with an all-star panel titled, "The Next Great Debate of Academic Freedom: Part Two of We're Not Sure Just How Many Parts of This Debate We're Going to End Up Having So Sit Down We're All Going to be Here For a While."

Sitting on this panel is Ward Churchill, a professor of ethnic studies at the University of Colorado at Boulder, a Native American activist and most notably the guy who called the victims of the 9/11 attack on the World Trade Center "little Eichmanns" (in reference to Nazis). Churchill will join the Kirkland Project's panel of highly esteemed and respected scholars most commonly referred to as "those three other guys."

Told you it was an all-star panel. I know that some people want to get rid of Churchill, and I suppose it's worth a shot. Maybe we could get Michael Moore and a second round draft pick out of the deal.

Who knows.

Just kidding. To make a long story short, the reson they want to cut Churchill from the varsity panel team is that Churchill hinted that he believed that the victims in the attacks on the twin towers were not necessarily innocent because they worked for "the mighty engine of profit," and therefore for some reason deserved what they got.

I, like all those who are so upset, missed that leap in logic. I don't get the connection between janitor at World Trade Center, co-conspirator in profit-making/third-world misery, and deserves to perish in fiery plane crash or collapsing building. I would argue strongly against such delusions.

But this is not Susan Rosenberg Part Deux. And here's why:

First, the man was invited a long time ago. He has been on the list of things that were going to happen this semester. There was no hiring people ... I don't want to say behind the dean's back, how about ... in his blind spot.

Second, Churchill has spoken here before. I must admit, the picture of him with the machine gun disturbs me greatly, but that is because it proves that he owns a machine gun, and when I'm having a really bad day, sometimes I see practical uses for a machine gun around here. So if he has one I may be even more disinclined to leave the dorm. But as far as I know everyone ended up ok after the first lecture, so I think we're in the clear.

Third, the man was originally invited to speak in the Kirkland Project's former lecture series, "Class in Context." Churchill is a Native American rights activist and he was originally supposed to talk about that. After the whole Rosenberg debacle (excitement in a box?), the Kirkland Project decided to change the topic of his lecture so that the campus could adress academic freedom and discussion issues. The President's office then thought to themselves, "Whew!" and immediately jumped on board because if they supported the panel it makes them look like they really do support academic freedom, rather than they-really-do-support-academic-freedom-except-during-the-Capital-Campaign.

And a lecture series was born.

Fourth: The man is from Boulder, more commonly known as The People's Republic of Boulder. Ask any Coloradan on campus about the Boulderites, and the three of us will probably give you a similar response:

Think Vermont with more pot and less oxygen.

After all, the 9/11 quote was given to a magazine called Satya, a radical, vegetarian, animal rights magazine.

Fifth: There is a significant difference between bringing a controversial individual to campus to speak, and hiring a controversial individual to teach. The college brings all kinds of speakers here every year. The school brought Raja Halwani and Daniel Pipes in the same year to give lectures. Halwani bordered on anti-Semitic, and Pipes could have thrown every Palestinian into the sea and been pretty ok with that. But both speakers were presented so that students could get both sides of the story, and make up their own mind. That's academic freedom right there. That's what we want.

See ... we may have already won.

Hamilton can bring speakers to campus without supporting their views. Hiring these individuals as professors is a whole new ballgame. It makes it seem as though the school condones the views and actions of these individuals. The values and opinions of Hamilton College faculty extend far beyond the Hill. What they do or say, or have done and said, reflects on them, their departments, and this school. If the college were to hire a Ward Churchill or a Susan Rosenberg (for real this time), it would be giving the message that we approve of this person enough to have them represent us.

Ward Churchill has been asked to come here by the Kirkland Project, and when he gets here, he has a constitutional right to say what he believes. We have an intellectual right to embrace him or dismiss him. The school owes its students as many sides of an issue as it can provide, and we owe ourselves the responsibility to form an opinion based on what we have heard.

This is called an "education."

Using this "education," I can make the decision not to agree with anything Ward Churchill says. I will defend to the death my right to be lazy and not walk over to the chapel to see him. That is my choice. Everyone has the right to make that choice. This is what Hamilton has provided to us. It is up to us to take responsibility for what we choose to hear and if we choose to believe it.

Churchill may offer something that has been severely lacking from our intellectual training. Or he may not. But thanks to Kirkland Project lectures, we can make that decision ourselves.

Word.

Thumbs Up

- Senior Nights at the Pub. Wait isn't every night senior night? I am confused. Booze rulez! <chug> <chug>

- Barbara Boxer -- the Senate's biggest hottie.

- Only 3 years and 357 days left of the Bush Administration. One day at a time.

- The freezing wind destroying my ears and face. Oh wait that sucks. Never mind.

- Life. It's pretty sweet.

- Tots in the pocket in class.

- McEwen's chicken patties

Thumbs Down

- Professors who ditch before the semester even begins -- if we can stick it out, so can you.

- *Napoleon Dynamite* impressions. It's a funny movie, but not when you imitate it.

- Hamilton's misappropriation of our tuition money. Coming soon: $45,000 a year.

- Where is Judy? (we miss you)

- Lack of parties? Frats and sororities get on it! I want to get freaky!

- If the heat goes off ... we'll all die

by Whitney Knowlton Rothe '05

Who Cares?

- Churchill's coming to town. Like Santa, but not fat and definitely not jolly.

- Reading about someone's study abroad experience in the Daily Bull: for whatever reason, I just don't care

- Working the fact that you went to the gym into every conversation. I'm cool with my man boobs

- Does the Diner ever have meatball subs? I love meatballs!

- Taco bar. It's pretty awesome except for when your roommate with regular digestive issues gorges on spicy beans.

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Letter to the editor of *The Spectator*:

The January 21st issue of The Spectator includes two articles written jointly by Professors Eismeier, Klinkner, Urciouli and Wertimer on the Rosenberg and Churchill controversies. In their second article they quote President Stewart on free speech at Hamilton. Her statement reads very much like the following Statement on Freedom of Expression and Dissent from the Faculty Handbook (Chapter IX, J): Freedom of Expression and Dissent:

"The right to search for truth, to express both popular and unpopular opinions, and to criticize existing beliefs and institutions, is the foundation of intellectual life in a democratic society. Academic citizenship carries with it the added responsibility of preserving free inquiry and open expression for all members of the community.

The College encourages respect for political, religious, ethnic, racial, physical, generational, sexual and affectional differences because such respect promotes free and open inquiry, independent thought and mutual understanding. Members of the Faculty are encouraged to express their views on all matters, including controversial, political issues in the public domain. The College furthers this end best by serving as a forum where ideas may be debated and discussed.

Hamilton College believes that open-ended and free inquiry is essential to intellectual growth. There is a need at all times, but particularly in times of crisis, for intelligent persons to make their considered opinions known. Whenever the freedom of inquiry or the liberty of artistic expression is compromised, the intellectual life of the College is threatened."

In their second article, after quoting Churchill's very provocative remarks on 9/11, the four professors argue that "there are limits to the pedagogy of provocation." To this end, they suggest the adoption of "a few rules of common sense," including "the eschewing of political agendas." Here I believe they run into a basic problem.. The proposed rules, by their very nature, compromise the freedom of inquiry that the Handbook defends. The Handbook suggests no such limits and, on the contrary, stresses the danger to our intellectual life of compromising freedom of expression. Clearly Ward Churchill has a political agenda, but that should not preclude his speaking at Hamilton. I, for one, would rather go on "lurching from one crisis to another" than get bogged down in the swamp of rule-making that would restrict our freedom of expression and dissent.

James W. Ring
Professor of Physics,
Emeritus

Dear Spectator Editors:

"I do not agree with a word you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." These words written years ago by French philosopher, Voltaire, accurately describe our sentiments concerning the recent discussions around Susan Rosenberg and Ward Churchill. We as students feel that some members of the faculty have failed to acknowledge the student opinion regarding our attitudes on education. We believe that we came to a college that promised to expose us to diverse opinions, whether or not we agreed with those opinions. Moreover, we feel that students are capable of forming their own opinions and should not be sheltered from those with "radical" or "different" views.

We earnestly believe that the twenty students who enrolled in Susan Rosenberg's memoir writing class wanted to be exposed to a true educational experience in which their writing skills would flourish Similarly, we believe students will be receptive to the panel discussion and ask critical questions. At a school where we have the academic freedom to choose what classes we want to take, it seems strange for the institution to put restrictions on our opportunities to learn.

While we may or may not agree with the opinions expressed by the speakers, we feel that exposure to such opinions would prove valuable for our education. Hosting speakers such as Churchill allows students to ask questions and to think critically in the face of opposition.

We understand that certain members of the faculty are concerned how students are influenced by guest speakers and that they are looking out for our best interest. If the administration decides to change policies about hiring or inviting outside speakers, we think they should consider student voices as valuable input.

Hamilton boasts an academic curriculum where students may take complete control over their education. Hamilton offers students access to grants, independent studies, fellowships, and even the option to create our own major, but education should not be limited to the classroom. Speakers serve as an integral part of a well-rounded Hamilton education and any attempt to limit our access to diverse viewpoints would restrict our education as a whole.

Cheers!
Aletha Asay '05
Alex Cutler'05
Anthony Ng '05
Annika Savio '07
Brian Greenleaf '08
Jessica Mariglio '07
Jessica Lewis '07
Suzy M. Wilson '06
Thomas Acampora '05
Zach Kahn '06

As an alum of Hamilton College and a nephew of a victim of the WTC, I am disgusted with the fact that Ward Churchill will be speaking. What type of constructive conversation will come out of this lecture. He writes "those killed in the Pentagon, the World Trade Center were not innocent civilians." Is this guy serious? I am speechless. Those responsible for his speaking should be ashamed.

Jay Morell '02

Dear Editor and Mr. Debraggio, Executive Director of Communications for Hamilton College:

While oversight in our government is essential, and everyone has the potential to do crooked things given unobscured freedom, I am hurt and insulted by Ward Churchill's stance on where the guilt lays for the murder of my young husband and so many with the greatest potential. Does not he benefit from advances made in the Western World? And because of this strike against innocent men and women like my husband, we are now at war losing our brave and young soldiers in places where we, ourselves, would never live.

If an act of terrorism is the best Churchill can come up with to fight an, "enemy," his ability to use his academic education is limited. He is a danger. He is a creator of war.

No one can replace my beautiful husband's smile and energy to live and do good things for people. No one can laugh so fully at himself and others, as my husband did. He did not mastermind anything. Churchill offends all senses with the referral to Eichmann.

Please do not let the honor of my husband's memory be soiled in any way at any time. This is the one thing I ask. He suffered a cruel death as did so many, by the hands of American hating/American educated/American supported Terrorists. They were not, "revolutionaries." They did nothing but hurt us, but change for the better? The use of terror is not an effective tool for change.

Sincerely,
Sharon Schultz

Controversial Speaker forgot about me and my children. When the Muslim Terrorists decided to attack their targets they went after the occupants of the structures but also after all those who would go to render assistance.

As a rescue worker, Ward Churchill forgot about me. Does he consider me to be as culpable as those poor souls who took jobs at the WTC to support their families? Were the 343 Firefighters also not innocent victims?

As survivors we face an uncertain future full of illnesses and mental health problems. Should we also endure the attacks of the likes of Churchill? No, we have suffered enough as victims, widows, widowers, orphans, parents and siblings.

The institution which allows an attention seeker to speak in an irreprehensible manner such as this should be held accountable for the waste of the education dollars.

They should also have to face the children of all those who were lost.

If I had the resources, I would be the first to be there shouting over his words that he insults me and the memory of the rescue workers lost.

Regina Cervantes
WTC Survivor Rescue Worker

As an educator for over 27 years and as a mother of a fallen firefighter who lost his life on September 11, 2001 I am deeply concerned that your college will allow Ward Churchill to speak to your student body. Educated persons rarely need to hear lies and slanderous remarks and not know that they are such. If Mr. Churchill is unhappy with the financial community, that is his business. However, there were many others who died on that day who were not part of the financial community. They were cooks, waiters, plumbers, carpenters, firefighters, police officers, visitors from other countries etc. They earned various salaries, came from divergent backgrounds and were just in the wrong place at the wrong time. How dare Mr. Churchill allude that all the victims were like Hitler, Eichmann and the Nazi's? How dare he be allowed any press. He is one of the reasons why we have terrorism in the USA. If he is so unhappy to be an American he has the right to leave and go where his beliefs would be more appreciated. There are many places in the world for him to choose. In America we have the right to disagree. We have the right to have different views. We do not, however have the right to malign and slander the names of the victims of September 11,2001. They like my son were innocent. They were the victims of a hateful act, an act that all the family members have not recovered from.

Sincerely,
Maureen Santora
Mother of FF Christopher A. Santora age 23

Letters to the editor (continued)

Dear Editor:

Regarding the proposed visit of Ward Churchill to Hamilton College, there are two important points to be made. First, although Mr. Churchill is entitled to his views and the right to express them, there is a question of decency. Just as a college would not invite a neo-Nazi to participate in a panel discussion about race relations in America, so too if someone claims that the 9/11 victims were not innocent but were legitimate targets, a college should not invite such a person. Second, Mr. Churchill condemns the 9/11 victims for having played a role in the "mighty engine of profit." This is a derogatory way of saying that they were exercising their right to the pursuit of happiness. If Mr. Churchill thus rejects the most fundamental of rights, he has no business participating in a discussion of the right to criticize the government, or of any other right.

Howard Sporn

I have recently read the comments attributed to Ward Churchill regarding the victim's of 9/11. I am absolutely appalled and disgusted by his assertion that these people were not innocent victims, rather, "little Eichmanns"...

My father, Peter Wallace, was killed on the 100th floor of the North Tower. He went to work on a sunny, Tuesday morning and never came home. He had just faxed a note to his best friend about a kayaking trip the following Saturday and then he was blown away by terrorists.

There were people in the World Trade Center who held positions ranging from janitors and busboys, secretaries and file clerks to investment bankers and stock brokers... Whatever Mr. Churchill's opinion of the capitalist system may be - to compare these victim's with Adolph Eichmann who helped orchestrate the extermination of over 6 million people is vile, disgusting, nauseating and so offensive it must not be tolerated.

I am a strong believer in free speech but Mr. Churchill is spewing such inflammatory, misinformation that I believe his mental faculties are in question. Would we allow Hitler or Adolph Eichmann the opportunity to speak at a college today to protect their free speech?

How could anyone speak about nearly three thousand people and address them as though they were all "Little Eichmanns" These were individuals with families who are still suffering and dealing with the most unbearable pain.

To allow Mr. Churchill the opportunity to continue espousing his hateful and hurtful propaganda will add much more pain and suffering to those who mourn today. It will also disgrace the memory of all who died that day. And lastly, it could lead to the poisoning of young, impressionable minds who will be subjected to hearing his narrow-minded, selfish, misguided, viewpoint.

I beg you to reconsider allowing this man to participate on the panel scheduled for February 3, 2005.

Sincerely,

Alison Wallace Smith
Daughter of Peter G. Wallace

Could not be more disgusting...

Thomas Murphy
Father of Patrick Sean Murphy
Murdered on the 97th floor of WTC 1

The following is an e-mail that I sent to President Stewart yesterday that I ask be published in your paper. Thank you.

"It seems like Hamilton has become the home for wayward members of the Weather Underground and those advocating violence against our government and its citizens. As a parent of a Hamilton student I certainly agree that exposure to diverse views is a valuable part of learning. I have no problem with Ward Churchill expressing his view that the United States is the root of all evil in the world. I do have a problem with violence and with those like Mr. Churchill who advocate violence and whose speech is aimed at inciting violence. Mr. Churchill has clearly expressed his view that those killed in the World Trade and the Pentagon were not "innocents" and that they were deserving of the "penalty" administered to them. He has further taken the position that those responsible for the September 11th deaths "must" and "should" act again if the policies of the United States are not changed and concludes that "there is justice in such symmetry."

I do not share the apparent view of the Hamilton administration that advocating violence against American citizens, under any circumstances, is a view that needs to or should be protected and subsidized with tuition dollars. I also have no interest in supporting Hamilton as long as its administration maintains such a position. Please remove my name from your fund raising lists."

Andrew Keen

To *The Spectator* Staff and Faculty and Administration of Hamilton College

My brother Michael, a NYC firefighter, was killed on 911 when he walked into- a burning tower to save people. He was found in March 2002 holding the remains of a still unidentified woman. We had to wait several more monthsto bury Michael in order for DNA tests to be done in the hope that somehow- the medical examiner's office could identify the woman and give her family some comfort. As horrible as it was for my family, we knew the wait might someday help another family. Ours is just one of many horrible stories.

Tell me- how does Churchill justify his assertion that these were not innocent victims? How does he explain the actions of all the rescuers that were killed trying to save others as well as the civilians in the building that acted heroically to help others before they were killed.

I am in favor of free speech, discussion and ideas but there is also responsibility and accountability that goes along with expression of such ideas. If you insist on providing this speaker with a stage to "express" ridiculous assertions- you better be willing to challenge him.

Oh- and by the way- will he speak on a pro bono basis? The answer to that question may be more revealing than anything he says.

Another point, most of our families have turned our tragedy into something positive for students like you. See www.mlynch.org.

I wonder what Churchill has done to ease the pain and sorrow of others.

Sincerely,
Kathleen A. Lynch
Sister of FF Michael F. Lynch, #Badge 2315
On rotation to Engine 40

I would like to thank your institution for nothing. Mr. Churchill sounds as if he is ignorant that 80 percent of the people that worked at the WTC made less than 50,000 dollar a year. To think that they are a much bigger capitalist plan is ignorant. I believe they went there to put food on the table for their families. The Firefighters that entered the building are and were innocent victims. You give me a break Mr. Churchill.

Richard O'Brien
Retired NYC Firefighter

My name is Ed Cosgrove and I would like to take this moment to allow you to get to know me. My whole life in one hour on 9-11. I had gone to work on Broadway and John Street. One block from the WTC. My brother Kevin was at work on the 105th floor for AON Re. When I arrived in my office my secretary handed me a note from my sister Christine to read that Kevin is alive but he in not ok..

I had no idea that Lower Manhattan was under attack. My brother was the fire marshall for his floor and he decided to stay with his co-workers on the floor, Over 200 people from AON were murdered that day.. In fact, only 300 bodies were recovered from the attack, all others were disintergrated.

I lost my brother: who left a wife and three children, he died a violent death. I lost my job, and took one year away from any normal routine of life.. My mom and siblings along with kevin's wife are beginning to assimilate a regular way of living..

This one day in one hour completely changed the way I percieve life. One day at a time...

Kevin and the others are the precusor to a world wide conflict that starte before the attack in 93 on the World Trade Center. (I was there in 93).

My only regret is that this person was not their on 9-11 and live the devestation and destruction.

Regards
Ed Cosgrove
WTC Survivor

To Whom It May Concern:

The members of Students Against Sexual Assault would like to express our appreciation for the article that Jesse Walker wrote on our upcoming plans for the semester, and thank both Jesse and *The Spectator* for the addition of the article in the first issue of this semester.

One point we would like to clarify, however, is in regards to the upcoming February 2 visit of Gloria Feldt, President of Planned Parenthood Federation of America. While many members of SASA are thrilled to be welcoming such a strong and passionate woman to Hamilton, we did not arrange for her appearance. Professor Maurice Isserman organized Gloria Feldt's visit to Hamilton, and the event is sponsored by the Arthur Levitt Public Affairs Center, the Kirkland Endowment, and Faculty for Women's Concerns, with the assistance of Hamilton's VOX chapter.

As both President of SASA and Publicity Chair of VOX, I expressed my exeitement about Gloria Feldt's visit as I spoke with the Spectator, which is most likely the source of the misunderstanding. I apologize for any confusion, and again thank the Spectator for the wonderful article.

Thank you,
Lindsey Crusan, SASA President

Are you one of the three people that hasn't told the world what you think of Ward Churchill?

Write for Insights and Ideas

e-mail Whit (wkimmel) or Brit (bchase)

Here's the deal: Hamilton's Excelsior Campaign

by Michelle Butler '06
FEATURES WRITER

If you have ever wondered how Hamilton gets enough money to keep running as well as it does, the fundraising campaigns executed by President Stewart and the Communications and Development office will answer all your questions and fill you with awe. The newest campaign, Excelsior, kicked off in December with a dinner in New York City, and its overarching goal is to raise $175 million. This seems like a lot of money, but it will allow extremely beneficial developments to take place on campus.

You can read all about the Excelsior Campaign and exactly how each dollar will be spent on the Hamilton webpage. But in case you don't have time, here's a brief overview: $75 million will go towards renovating the Kirner-Johnson building, with special focus on creating one center for all the social sciences. Improved classrooms that encourage active learning and easy interactions will be constructed, as well as social science labs and student study rooms.

$37.5 million will be spent in creating an improved center for the arts, including renovations or a relocation of Minor Theater, a larger and more sophisticated art gallery, and more classrooms and faculty offices. A new dance studio will be built in Saunders Hall, and the Jazz Archive will be given a better home than its current location in the McEwen Basement.

Everyone is tired of the 4:00 PM rush to use the cardio machines in the fitness center, as well as the overcrowding in the upstairs free weight room. So Hamilton is looking to spend $10 million to build a new fitness center in Saunders Hall with new equipment, locker rooms, an indoor climbing wall and offices for coaches and their staff. In addition, we will also have access to 10 new regulation sized squash courts.

One especially interesting item in the plans is an extension of ELS to serve as another social space. $5 million will be spent to provide a comfortable place for students and teachers to meet and relax. Another building will be constructed to the south of the original ELS, as well as a glass atrium connecting the two buildings, and will include a coffeehouse.

Hamilton College currently uses a significant amount of money from its endowment to pay for financial aid and faculty salaries, which make up more than a fifth of the college's operating budget. In order to keep bringing intelligent students here who may be lacking the financial means to come on their own, we need more money in our endowment. Money is also needed to better support the faculty for all the hard work and energy they put into teaching and research in order to keep up the excellent quality of education at Hamilton. $75 million will hopefully be raised for the endowment.

The campaign will hopefully raise $40 million through unrestricted giving. The endowment needs additional funds through Annual Fund gifts, which go towards scholarships, salaries, presentation of our historic buildings and Root Glen, and aiding student activity groups. So this type of giving is important.

A phone interview with Dick Tantillo, vice president and director of communications and Development, the college is looking to this campaign to maintain our strong sense of community and level of excellence. The campaign events scheduled for the next four years will hopefully succeed in maintaining good relations with alumni, family, and friends of the college.

Campaign events have been scheduled all over the United States in locations that hold a great number of constituents. The turnout of people is proportional to the location; for instance, cities like New York and Boston may have hundreds of people, whereas a small town, only 25 people may show up.

At each event President Stewart gives a presentation on current happenings on the Hill, and hopeful visions for the future direction of the college. Then a campaign video is shown that is really the focus of the evening, this video enabling alums to see images of the college and be able to relive and remember their positive experiences at Hamilton. Tantillo explained, "We're not directly asking for money while they're sitting there, but rather this is an opportunity for the college to present itself and engage our family and friends." Stewart and Tantillo are running campaign events in Florida this week.

When asked about the possible effects of negative publicity, such as the Susan Rosenberg incident, on constituents' willingness to support the campaign, Tantillo remained extremely optimistic. "You know, of course we're always worried about negative publicity ... but for now her withdrawal has tempered on campus. And it's just too early to tell," he said. For the last 7 years, annual giving has increased every year, breaking giving records even with significant publicity, whether good or bad. So for now, things are looking positive.

Again, specific information on the priorities of the Excelsior campaign and an events schedule are on the Hamilton website under Communications and Development.

PHOTO BY MEAGAN RATCLIFF '08

If you're looking for President Stewart, she's not here. She is currently traveling across the country for the Hamilton Excelsior Campaign.

Seniors: Quantity, not quality

by Kate Mayhew '05
FEATURES WRITER

What do you give to the school that has everything? For seniors, this question has lingered in the back of our minds, or at the very best, somewhere in the middle, throughout fall semester.

Being seniors, the real world is looming on the horizon. Panic is beginning to seep into the consciousness of each and every potential graduate, as we are faced with considerable debt and our parents' gleefully justified claims that it is time we were cut off. Yet, as spring semester begins, plans are confirmed: graduate school applications are accepted, jobs are solidified, and bitterly false congratulations are given to all. And of course, we seniors begin to get nostalgic. Yes, there was that really crappy night back in sophomore year, when that guy you really wanted to hook up with went home with your roommate - and yes, you remember saying it: "I hate this school." But you didn't mean it. Hamilton has truly been a singular experience, and the senior gift is just one way that we as a class can say, "Thank you, the debt was worth it."

According to Senior Gift coordinators Katie Plumb and Ginny Smith, at least half of us feel this way - 50.7%, or 221 seniors, in the class of 2005 have chosen to donate money to the Senior Gift Campaign. And trustees are literally throwing in their two cents as well.

In November of last year, the class of 2005 received an additional $1,000 from the trustees toward the Senior gift because seniors had achieved a 25% participation rate in donations by this time, meeting what is known as the Trustee Challenge, a time-table that awards senior classes funds over and above what they raise in class donations if they meet certain class participation criteria by certain dates. Because we achieved a 50% participation rate by December, the senior class was awarded an additional $2000. The 75% deadline is approaching on March 10th. Should this participation criterion be met, the senior class will receive $2,500. And in the instance that nostalgia doesn't kick in until graduation is all but upon us, a 90% participation rate achieved by April 21 will result in an extra $4,000.

Senior Gift coordinators Katie Plumb and Ginny Smith claim that they have been encouraging seniors to give donations of $20.05 to honor the class of 2005. The girls say that donations have ranged both (surprisingly) well above and (not surprisingly) well below this suggested value. When asked about donations however, some seniors seemed a bit embarrassed by what they claimed to be, their pithy contributions. Seniors Anne Wheeler and Monica Odening refused to give exact figures admitting only that their contributions fell below the $20.05 mark. However, Wheeler was quick to add, "I'm planning on giving more," and Odening said, "It was the only money I had on me at the time."

Yet Senior Gift coordinators Plumb and Smith are stressing the quantity of participants over the quality of their donation - their goal is to achieve a 100% level of participation among senior donators. Says Katie Plumb, "The purpose of the Senior Gift campaign is both to create an opportunity for seniors to give back to Hamilton upon graduating and also to introduce and encourage seniors to engage in the act of philanthropy. Our hope is that seniors will continue to pursue philanthropy throughout the rest of their professional careers, long after they leave Hamilton."

Despite the fact that the Senior Gift is a philanthropic enterprise on behalf of the graduating seniors, future classes may be wondering what they'll be enjoying at our class' expense. With a 70% majority vote, the class of 2005 chose to donate a renovated ELS building to the College.

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Teach for America comes to the Hill

Wendy Kopp, founder of Teach for America, wrote this op-ed piece about educational equity and the TFA mission to improve educational opportunities for all children. Teach for America will be holding an all-campus informational session on Monday, January 31 at 7:00 PM in the Red Pit. If you have any questions, contact Molly O'Sullivan, an on-campus TFA representative at x3013 or at mosulliv@hamilton.edu.

Growing up in the public schools of El Paso, Texas, Aurora Lora experienced first-hand the educational disparities that persist in our country. The daughter of a Mexican immigrant, Aurora encountered the reality that the United States' education system, like those in most of the wealthiest nations, often provides the least resources and opportunities to the students who need extra help the most.

Aurora's next first-hand encounter with these disparities came just a few years later, but this time she had the opportunity to do something about them.

After a phenomenal four-year academic and leadership record at the University of Texas, which honored Aurora at graduation for her contributions to student life, she joined Teach For America. "Ms. Lora," at the age of twenty-three, stood before a room of fourth graders in inner-city Houston - most of whom could read and write only on a first or second grade level. As their teacher and leader, she showed her students that she believed in their potential and that they could succeed if they worked hard. Although others scoffed, she and her students set ambitious goals for their progress.

Armed with little experience but with the focus and determination that idealistic leaders bring to great causes, Ms. Lora went to work. She convinced her principal to let her run classes into the evenings two days a week, and then expanded those classes to five days a week. She held Saturday classes. Following her lead, the students - and their families-worked, and worked, and worked. They began to believe that they could in fact "catch up" academically, with Ms. Lora's help.

Just eight months later, when the test scores came back, Ms. Lora's students - ALL of them-had passed the state exam. Even Adrian, a student who had been handed over to Ms. Lora by another teacher with the admonition that he was "too dumb" for fourth grade, passed the test. In fact, more students had passed the test in Ms. Lora's class than had previously done so in the entire school. Ms. Lora had literally closed the achievement gap for her students. (The next year, the principal doubled the number of students in Ms. Lora's classroom.)

After teaching at her Houston school for four years, Ms. Lora decided that she owed it to herself and her students to work to strengthen our education system on an even larger scale.

Today, she is earning her PhD from Harvard University's selective, four-student Urban Superintendent Program. "Ms. Lora" will soon be "Dr. Lora," and will be acting on the insights and sense of outrage she earned in her classroom to improve the academic achievement of students in one of America's largest urban school districts.

Aurora's story is a testament to the power and impact that committed recent college graduates can have, even immediately, on the educational disparities that are our nation's most serious domestic challenge.

In a country that aspires so admirably to be the Land of Opportunity, and that in so doing holds so much promise for its citizens and as a model for the rest of the world, the sad, persistent reality is that by the time they are just nine years old, students who live in low-income communities are an average of three grade levels behind students who live in high-income communities. This gap only becomes worse over time, and students born in low-income communities are ultimately seven times less likely to graduate from college than students born in high-income communities.

What Aurora and others have shown us, however, is that these disparities don't need to exist. When children growing up in economically marginalized communities are given the opportunities they deserve, they can and do excel on an absolute scale. Yes, the gap in educational outcomes is an extraordinarily entrenched social problem - but a true movement of our generation's future leadership can tackle it.

Educational inequity must be our generation's civil rights issue. It needs the unrelenting commitment of the most talented and determined among you.

Five minutes with Andrew Whalen

by Emily Lemanczyk '05
FEATURES EDITOR

This weekend, the Film Production Guild will be hosting a 24 Hour Film-Making Contest. Three to 8 students will have from midnight on Friday, January 28 until midnight on Saturday, January 29 to write, shoot and edit a short film. Andrew Whalen '08, founder of the Film Production Guild, round time to tell the Spectator what this contest is all about.

The Spectator: What inspired you to do this?

Andrew Whalen: As far as I am aware, the original idea came from an annual competition hosted by NYU. Beyond this direct influence, I just saw this contest as an opportunity to bring film into the forefront on campus. When I first came to Hamilton, I was genuinely surprised by how little opportunity there is for students to see, let alone participate in, film. I now know the resources are there, if people are just willing to grab them.

Spec: What is the premise of the competition?

AW: The premise is simple. Your team shows up Friday, draws a genre out of a hat and then has twenty-four hours to create a short film. Other than the genre and a mandatory line that will be announced before the competition, there are limitless options.

Spec: Who will judge the films?

AW: The films will be judged by Professor Cheryl Morgan and Professor Patricia O'Neill. Each film will be evaluated on several criteria, such as sticking to the genre assigned, camera-work, production values, creativity and editing.

Spec: What are the prizes?

AW: Two prizes will be handed out. A $100 gift certificate to FYE will go to the crew that the two judges deem most worthy. A $50 gift certificate will be given to the crew that wins the most votes from the audience.

Spec: How many people do you expect will participate or have already committed to participating?

AW: We currently have seven full crews registered. In addition, approximately a dozen people have expressed interest, but do not yet have a crew. As such, I anticipate that a few more teams will be thrown together Friday night before the event starts. Hopefully we will see around 40 people competing and even more coming Saturday night to see the final results.

Spec: Will you participate?

AW: Depending upon how smoothly the process goes, I will be participating. A team of my friends are signed up and I intend to work with them as much as possible. Because many of the members will also be members of the Film Production Guild, my team will not be eligible for the prizes.

Spec: Any ideas as to what your movie is going to be about?

AW: Of course I have a few concepts I would like to try out, but by forcing each team to draw a genre we hope to limit preplanning.

Spec: How large is the club you started now?

AW: The Film Production Guild has approximately twenty-five members. Of those, perhaps ten regularly attend meetings. Beyond people, we also now own our own cameras and equipment and are free to make films without depending on other campus bodies.

Spec: When does the club meet this semester?

AW: The Film Production Guild meets every Tuesday evening at 8:00 p.m. in the Fisher Room of the Bristol Center. We encourage anyone who wants to be involved with film or wants help putting together a movie of their own to attend.

Spec: What are your plans post-Hamilton?

AW: Since I'm a freshman, I've tried to avoid thinking further ahead then the next weekend. However, I will probably major in English. My interest in film originally grew out of a fascination with screenwriting and has since become a time-consuming hobby. While I don't really have much idea about a career, I hope that a combination of writing skills, Japanese and a filmmaking hobby will mesh into some fruitful, undreamed of realm of wealth, prosperity, happiness and women.

All of the resulting short films will be shown shortly after midnight on Saturday. Even if you aren't participating in the contest, come and enjoy some great movie-making! The event will begin and in Beineke Annex A.

Do you not write enough at Hamilton?

Do you want to write for Features?

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Seniors: keep giving to the senior gift campaign

from *Senior Gift*, page 11

Katie Plumb claims that the money will most likely be going toward a social space within the building itself. A plaque will be placed in this social space to commemorate our contribution as a class.

Furthermore, upon returning to the Hill for reunions and alumni events, members of the class of 2005 will have the opportunity to appreciate this renovated space and admire the plaque that assures all who socialize within that it could not have been built without our personal contributions.

For those seniors reading this article and induced to either uilt or the aforementioned nostalgia, it is not too late to contribute. Two more deadlines for participation in the Trustee Challenge lie before you. Should you wish to contribute for the first time or make your existing donation appear a bit more generous, contact either Katie Plumb (kplumb@hamilton.edu) or Ginny Smith. Because while you still can't forget that night your roommate out-flirted you and you cursed the Hill, equally unforgettable is the following evening's good fortune when you stumbled upon your former flame's far foxier fraternity brother and praised the very day you applied.

CAB makes plans for Spring '05

by Kristy Hague '05
FEATURES WRITER

The tone of the CAB meeting on Wednesday night was one of general optimism; every member expressed enthusiasm about the potential performers over the course of this semester.

CAB (Campus Activity Board), the student-run organization that provides programming for the entire community, meets weekly to discuss potential comedians, concerts or any other types of entertainment to bring to the Hill.

With past successes like Lewis Black, Ben Folds and Bela Fleck and the Flecktones, CAB looks forward to filling this semester's calendar with acoustic coffeehouses, special events, comedians and concerts to keep the campus entertained.

Since the semester has just begun, CAB devotes much of its time and discussion to hunting down potential acts. "We have a lot of cool things brewing that we are going to reveal soon," said CAB co-chair, Katey Healy-Wurtzburg '05.

In addition to investigating a variety of entertainers, CAB is looking into using new venues. Traditionally CAB uses the Stanley Theatre in Utica for its larger concerts. The Stanley, however, has fallen into disrepair and places many restrictions on the types of acts it will host.

CAB has therefore started to look into shows at the Utica Auditorium. CAB has also considered working with the Campus Activities offices at Colgate University to pool funds to bring in an especially large show.

"It's important to bring a variety of events to campus that will appeal to the entire community and CAB is the only organization that seeks this universal appeal," noted senior co-chair, Caroline Walsh.

CAB faces the extremely daunting task of finding acts that are both affordable and popular. However, as Healy-Wurtzburg noted, "CAB is one of the best ways students can make a difference on campus...We also focus our attention on current students and what they want."

Thus far, CAB has booked a full slate of acoustic coffeehouse, smaller venue acoustic shows. First Susan Werner, fresh from recording her jazzy new album, will be performing on February 13 at 8:00 p.m. in the Events Barn.

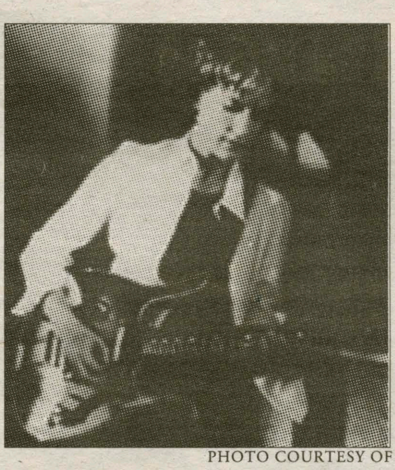
During the FebFest celebrations, the Pat McGee Band with Syd and Averi will perform on February 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Annex. Billboard magazine describes the Pat McGee Band: "Like musical peanut butter and jelly or macaroni and cheese, the Pat McGee Band offers comfort and goes down easy." Specializing in conventional American rock, the band has enjoyed widespread success and fame on the college scene.

On March 3 at 8:00 p.m. in the Events Barn, Anne Heaton and Frank Marotta Jr will perform with Sirsy. Hailed as one of the finest current female singer/songwriters, Heaton used to open for Jewel. Recently she put out an album with her creative partner, Marotta. The duo will perform songs from their latest CD, Give In.

On April 7, Ellis Paul will make his nearly annual return to Hamilton and perform at 8:00 p.m. in the Events Barn. A veteran folk musician, Paul routinely plays to packed audiences at Hamilton.

Acoustic Coffeehouse rounds out the semester with Jeffery Foucault with Willy Porter on April 21 at 8:00 p.m. in the Events Barn. Foucault's website describes his music as "equal parts folk, old country, and roots Americana." Porter is another promising up-and-comer on the folk music scene known for his impressive guitar and stark ballads.

If you want information on the preceding bands, each artist has a website devoted to their biographies, tour dates and recent press at: www.jeffreyfoucault.com, www.willyporter.com, www.anneheaton.com, www.ellispaul.com, www.susanwerner.com, www.patmcgeeband.com.



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Susan Werner will be coming to Hamilton this spring as a part of CAB's accoustic coffehouse.

In addition to the acoustic coffeehouses, CAB has booked comedian Steve Hofstetter at a date to be announced. Perhaps you have heard of Hofstetter from his famous for his attempt to make 10,000 friends on thefacebook.com.

Despite these numerous acts, CAB still has a good portion of its budget with which it will pursue other acts. A recent campus-wide survey indicates that students would prefer a big concert rather than a famous comedian. Some bands suggested by the student body include Modest Mouse, O.A.R., The Killers, The Shins, Dave Matthews' Band, Death Cab for Cutie, Franz Ferdinand and Black Eyed Peas. Dave Chapelle was one comedian that was mentioned in the survey.

If you have some good ideas for campus performances or you want your voice to be heard, CAB meets every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the basement of Bristol.

Meetings are open to every member of the community.

PHOTO BY PHOEBE VICKERS '05

CAB is keeping busy with an ambitious adgenda for the spring.

THIS WEEK IN HAMILTON HISTORY

New sorority claims campus unity as its purpose
January 29, 1993

A group of 17 women recently banded together to form Gamma Xi sorority, an alternative Greek society to Hamilton's existing sororities.

President of Gamma Xi Priya Patel '95 and Vice President Elizabeth Mahoney '95 formed the society with hopes to create a female support group and perpetuate unity at Hamilton.

The society currently has 17 members, 15 sophomores and two juniors, all mutual friends. Although Gamma Xi is not yet official, the group plans to rush along with other private societies starting February 14.

War keeps some students home
January 25, 1991

Lewis Burkley, Assistant Dean of Students, said Hamilton's study abroad program has not been that affected by the outbreak of war in the Persian Gulf.

He did not release official figures on how many Hamilton students cancelled plans to study abroad this semester but assured that there "weren't many."

The administration has not encountered abnormal problems with housing and class placement for those deciding to return to school this semester, Burkley said.

Some 60,000 to 70,000 Americans are studying abroad this semester and could become terrorist targets or at least find it difficult to get home now that we're at war, according to the College Press Service.

Many universities with foreign study programs in Italy received identical letters in the mail saying that if the United States engaged Iraq in war, American students studying in Florence would be specifically targeted.

Sibling Weekend to hit the Hill
January 28, 1994

Something new is hitting the Hill on the weekend of February 26-27. Next month, we are going to have the first ever SIBLING'S WEEKEND. There will be tons of activities planned for students and siblings fourteen years of age and up. Concerts, films, sports events and other programs will be under way on that Saturday and Sunday. Older siblings and those from other colleges are welcomed as well.

Cold temperatures, snow hit the Hill
January 21, 1993

As students trekked back to Hamilton College last weekend, they were greeted by subzero temperatures, 15-20 mile per hour winds, and snow drifts up to 5 feet tall. During winter vacation, the majority of the east and Midwest experienced record low temperatures, harsh winds, ice storms and abundant snowfall. Last Tuesday, both Chicago and Milwaukee broke their 1930 record lows, by bottoming out at 21 degrees below. Only an hour away from Clinton, Syracuse has been pummeled with 8 and 1/2 feet of snow to date this winter season with more than four feet of snow in January alone.

On-Campus Event: January 28 - February 3

Friday - January 28, 2005
Black Student Union 5:00 p.m.
Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow 7:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.
Women's Ice Hockey - HOME vs. Bowdoin 7:00 p.m.

Saturday - January 29, 2005
Men's Swimming and Diving - HOME vs. Union 2:00 p.m.
Women's Swimming and Diving - HOME vs. Union 2:00 p.m.
Women's Ice Hocke - HOME vs. Bowdoin 3:00 p.m.
Tumbling After's Invitational Concert 8:30 p.m.
Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow 9:30 p.m. & 11:59 p.m.
24-Hour Film-Making Contest 11:00 p.m.

Sunday - January 20, 2005
West Indian African Association Meeting 2:00 p.m.
Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow 7:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.

Monday - January 31, 2005
First Steps to Finding CRE 12:00 p.m.
The Loretto Center Project 4:00 p.m.
Teach for America Info Session and Video Screening 7:00 p.m.
Atheists, Agnostics and Freethinkers Meeting 8:00 p.m.
SASA Meeting 8:00 p.m.
Hamilton Environmental Action Group (HEAG) Meeting 9:00 p.m.
Student Assembly Meeting 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday - February 1, 2005
CACC Meeting 3:00 p.m.
Documentary Film: *A Great Day in Harlem* 7:00 p.m.
Jazz Film: *A Great Day in Harlem* 7:00 p.m.
Breakthrough Collaborative Info Session 7:30 p.m.
Tae Kwon Do 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday - February 2, 2005
Asian Cultural Society 5:00 p.m.
Campus Activities Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Lecture by Gloria Feldt, President, Planned Parenthood Federation 7:30 p.m.
Rainbow Alliance 9:00 p.m.

Thursday - February 3, 2005
Law Career Luncheon with Natsu Taylor Saito 12:00 p.m.
Resume Workshop 12:00 pm.
Feminist Copy Hour 4:00 p.m.
Classics Department Winslow Lecture: Kathy Gaca, "Eros and Fornication in Ancient Greek Society" 4:10 p.m.
Class in Context Series Panel: "Limits of Dissent?" featuring Ward Churchill, Natsu Taylor Saito and Richard Werner 7:00 p.m.
Hamilton Equestrian Team Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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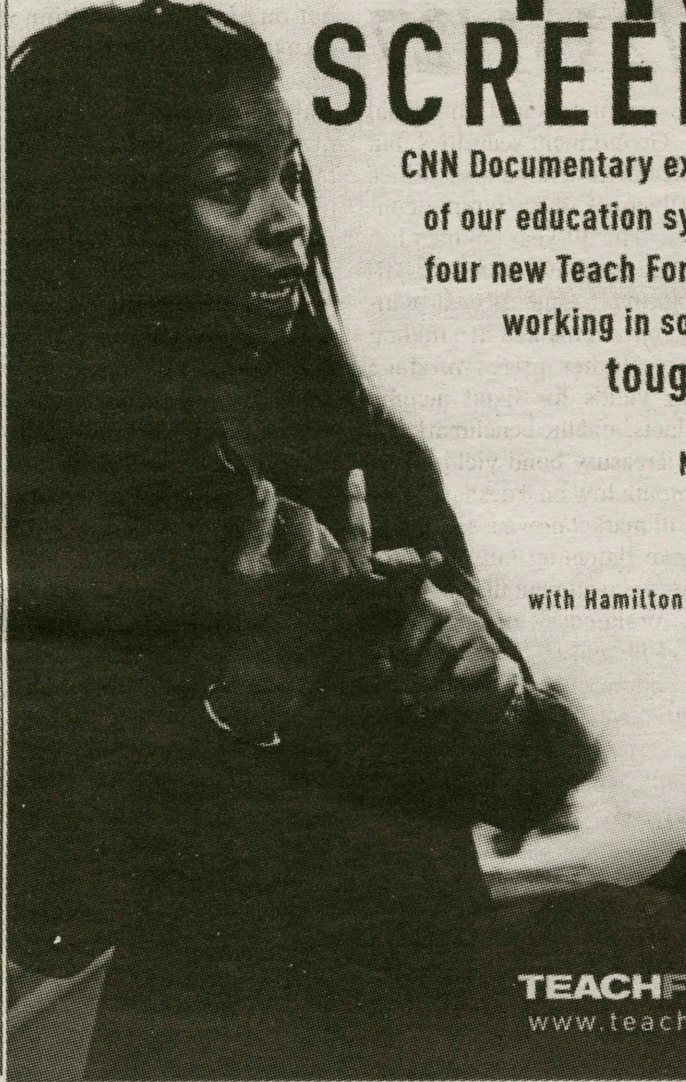

CNN Documentary explores challenges of our education system by following four new Teach For America teachers working in some of the nation's toughest schools.

Monday, January 31
7 p.m.
Events Barn

with Hamilton alum Jeff Williams '02

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Deli Sandwiches $4.95 - Ham, Turkey, Roast Beef, Salami, Tuna Salad, Tuna Melt, Bologna, BLT...choice of white, wheat, rye or Italian bread
Flat Bread Wraps $5.95 - Grilled Chicken Caesar, Ranch Chicken, Chicken Salad, Veggie, Crab Salad (Friday only)
Hot and Cold Subs sm (8") $5.25, lg (12") $6.25 - Ham, Turkey, Roast Beef, Salami, Bologna, Tuna Salad, Mixed Chicken Parm, Buffalo Chicken, Meatball. Sub Toppings: lettuce, tomato, onion, pickles, olives, hot peppers, American, Swiss, Provolone, Cheddar, Mozzarella, Mayo, Oil & Vinegar
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This week: Warren Buffet

by Tim Foley '06
BUSINESS & ECONOMICS EDITOR

Warren Buffet is widely recognized as the most successful investor of all time. The story goes that at the age of 11, he bought his first shares of stock. 64 years later, he is worth approximately $36 billion. In fact, if Warren Buffet were a nation, his $36 billion would rank about 85th in the world for Gross Domestic Product. Nevertheless Buffet, known as the "Oracle of Omaha," still lives in the house he bought for about $30,000, is rumored to have burgers and Coca-Cola for dinner and, though he sits atop a billion dollar corporation, pays himself just $100,000 annually. If his lifestyle sounds bizarre, it is right in line with his investment style.

Had you bought $10,000 of stock in 1965, you could expect it to be worth approximately $500,000 today. On the other hand, had you invested your $10,000 with Warren Buffet's firm, Berkshire-Hathaway, today you would be worth over $50 million. These figures are a slap in the face to Wall Street, and Mr. Buffet would have it no other way as he despises the arrogance and trends of "popular" investment banking. Berkshire-Hathaway's headquarters are still located in Downtown Omaha, Nebraska, about as far away, both geographically and socially, as he can get from New York.

Buffet's investment style is rather unique, as he basically ignores any rumors, trends or macroeconomic indicators. Rather, Buffet searches for undervalued companies. Upon discovering a prospect he tears through balance sheets and learns every aspect of the firm's business from production to marketing. If he believes a company has colossal growth potential, Buffet buys a lot of stock and just sits back. He does not actively trade his stocks but holds them for years and years until his forecast comes to fruition.

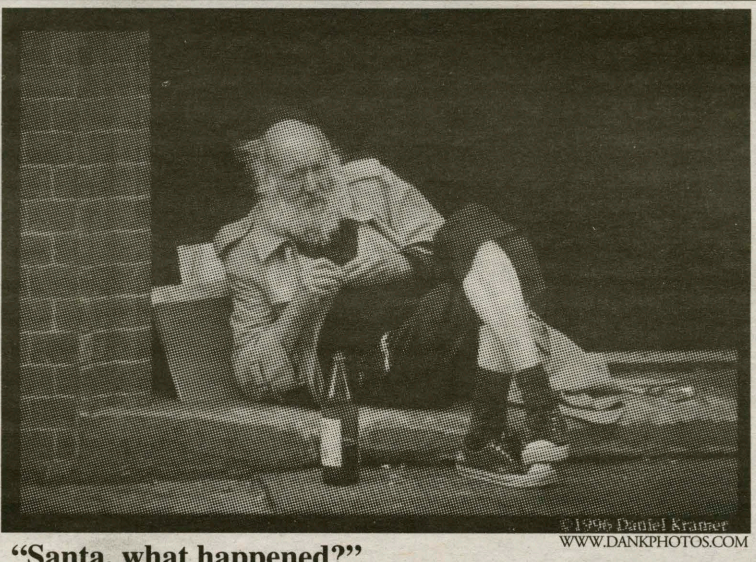
One of Buffet's most notable investments was in Coca-Cola. Back in 1988, when Coca-Cola stock was anything but bubbling, Buffet believed the company was tremendously undervalued. He was attracted to the company for three main reasons: Coca-Cola's brand name, it's potential for expansion and the fact that the stock was extremely cheap. Buffet bought the stock at about $11 per share. Since '88, it has reached nearly $100, but currently sits at $43. His stake in the firm is estimated to be worth around $13 billion.

Unsurprisingly, Warren Buffet paid little attention to the dot com boom which took place on Wall Street throughout the 1990's. From the beginning, he recognized this phase of unprecedented increases in stock indicies as nothing but a fad which would soon end, and he was correct.

Buffet's other holdings include American Express, Gillette, The Washington Post Company, GEICO Auto Insurance and Dairy Queen. He only likes to get involved in industries he is familiar with and has said, "Risk comes from not knowing what you are doing."

Social Security? holler at your Bush

Part two: filling a $1.5 trillion hole



"Santa, what happened?"
"Well Jimmy, my Social Security check never came."

by Tim Foley '06
BUSINESS & ECONOMICS EDITOR

Social Security is a government-regulated program which pays out benefits to retirees and other groups. All workers and employees in the United States pay the Social Security tax. Those tax dollars which do not go directly to current retirees are deposited into a trust fund.

Currently, Social Security is running at a surplus, meaning more money is being collected in taxes than is being paid in benefits, and the trust fund is worth approximately $1.5 trillion. However, the Social Security Administration (SSA) predicts that by 2020, Social Security will be paying out more than it is collecting, and the trust fund will have to be tapped. If the program continues as is, the SSA believes that the trust fund will be depleted by about 2040.

If Social Security is to live on, some type of adjustment must be implemented. Of course, our President has a plan of his own, but a few other popular proposals are floating around in today's media and conversations. Some extremists believe the program should be dismantled all together, avoiding any future problems. Some moderate thinkers may suggest making the program optional or raising taxes and cutting benefits. Approaching the problem from a completely different angle, others advocate easing immigration laws as a solution.

Dissolving Social Security in one fell swoop would surely be the simplest answer, but would obviously create huge problems. Benefits would at least have to be paid to those who have been taxed their entire working lives and to those who currently depend on Social Security as a sole source of income. This is the precise situation that is causing trouble in the first place. Ending Social Security alltogether would likely cause riots of senior citizens and baby boomers all over the nation, and I don't want to be going to "Kids Day" at the Westchester County Jail.

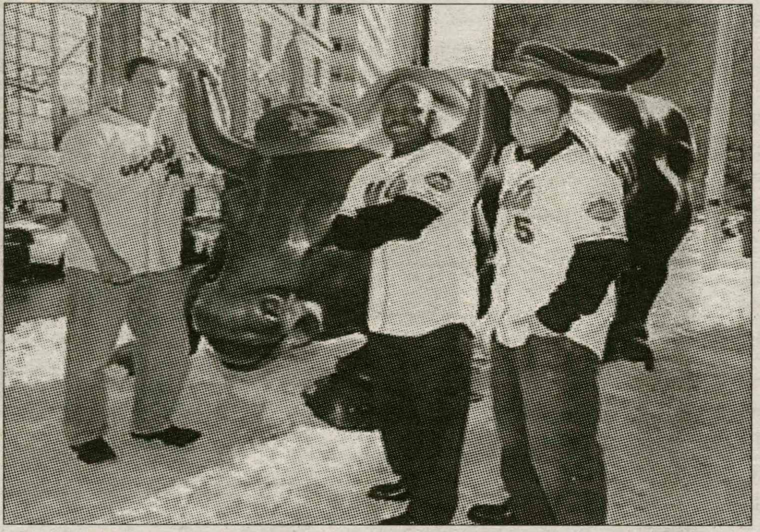
Making Social Security optional is a more reasonable solution, but would still put the program in a pickle. If Social Security were to become discretionary, presumably the richest and poorest would opt out of the program. Anyone wealthy enough to invest in the market or consistently contribute to a separate retirement plan has no real need for Social Security. On the other hand, low income citizens, who benefit most from Social Security, would likely jump at the chance to stop paying the tax and have more money to put to use right away. Making matters worse, the tax is levied in a "flat" fashion, meaning everyone pays the same percentage of their income. Thus, the program's biggest contributors are those who earn the most and who would probably choose not to participate if presented with the opportunity.

So why not raise taxes and cut benefits? First of all, I'd bet on Hamilton's tuition decreasing before I bet on W raising taxes. Second of all, a sudden increase in the retirement age would enrage those tax paying Americans just months from receiving their first Social Security check.

Finally, some more progressive thinkers have recommended allowing more immigrants into the country. Social Security faces a problem because it will have to pay out more money in benefits than is being collected through taxation. Theoretically, more people will lead to more jobs which will result in more taxes, thus providing the money needed to save Social Security. However, this plan is also hampered by complications. Simply living in the United States does not guarantee work. Furthermore, an increase in the supply of labor, as we all learned in Macroeconomics, will produce a decrease in wages.

President Bush has a completely different plan, involving privatization, which will be examined next week.

Financial Market Summary: 1/21-1/27



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Members of the New York Mets rang the opening bell on the NYSE January 25, 2005.

by David Kelland '05
BUSINESS & ECONOMICS COLUMNIST

After finding support at 1164 on Monday and Tuesday, the S&P 500 rallied to close at 1175 on Thursday. The index fell 3.5 percent in the first 15 trading days of 2005, making it likely that many traders entered short positions to capitalize on the move. Covering of those short positions probably contributed a large portion of the buying interest this week. Additionally, some market participants seem to feel that this decline is just another bump in the road to higher share prices. These two groups of buying interest will likely push the index to make a run towards, and perhaps beyond, its high before any bear market might begin.

The decline in the broader equity market has actually been worse than the 3.5 percent loss in the S&P 500 might suggest. The NASDAQ-100, an index of the 100 largest domestic, non-financial companies listed on the NASDAQ, has declined 9.5 percent in those same 15 trading days. The technical picture of the NASDAQ-100 is also much weaker. Whereas the S&P 500 still remains above its highs from the first quarter of 2004, the NASDAQ-100 stands below levels seen in January 2004. So much time with no progress portends difficult times ahead. Also, as I noted last semester, the absence of fiscal stimulus has historically tended to dampen stock performance in the first year of a presidential term.

In the U.S. Treasury market, an interesting divergence is forming between the 30-year Treasury bond contract and the 5- and 10-year Treasury note contracts. The word 'contract' indicates that these are futures and not actual U.S. Government securities, but the actual government securities closely track their futures contracts. The 30-year contract has recently exhibited strength, although the 5- and 10-year contracts have remained in a trading range. Higher prices produce lower yields for fixed income products, and the benchmark 30-year Treasury bond yield hit an 18-month low on Tuesday. This type of market move is known as a curve flattening rally because prices are rising but the gains are more pronounced on the "back end of the curve," or in the 30-year contract.

In the currency markets, the U.S. Dollar remains within two or three Yen of a 9-year low, trading on Thursday at 102.8¥. The Euro stabilized this week, after selling off sharply early this month, to trade at $1.304 Thursday. The British Pound stands at $1.890. Oil futures rallied almost to $50 per barrel this week before retreating and closing at $48.80 on Thursday.

Jazz on the big screen

by Monk Rowe
Joe Williams Director of the Jazz Archive

The Hamilton College Jazz Archive and the Emerson Gallery have collaborated on an exciting photography show currently on view in the gallery. "The Music Stand: Jazz As A Unifying Social Force" illustrates the role of jazz in breaking down barriers imposed by society. Images from four jazz photographers and video from Hamilton's Jazz Archive tell the story of the ongoing shift in attitudes and emotions.

Special events connected with the show include on campus screenings of two jazz films.

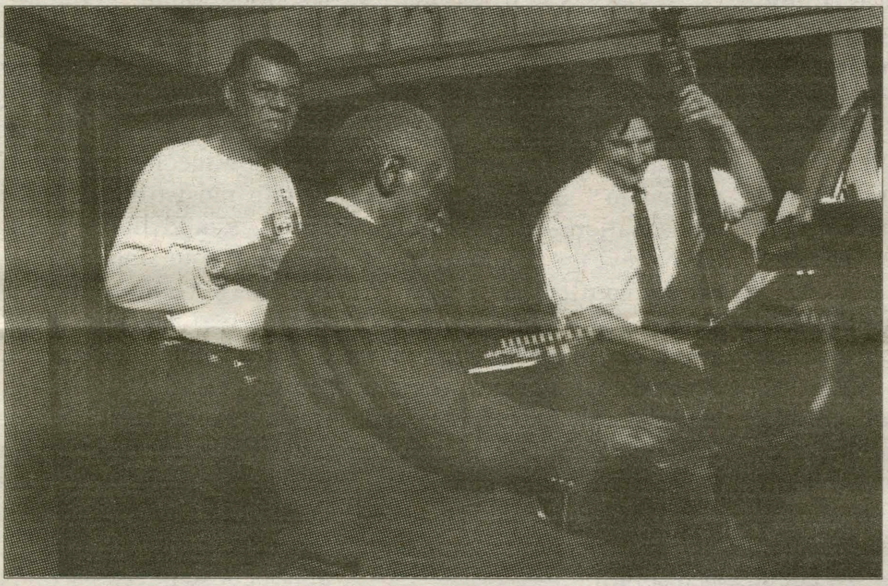
On Tuesday, Feb. 1 at 7:00 P.M., the Grammy-nominated documentary "A Great Day in Harlem" will be shown in KJ Auditorium. This fascinating film tells the story behind the now famous 1958 Esquire magazine photo of the great figures in jazz, brought together in front of a brownstone in Harlem. Jean Bach, producer of the film, will be in attendance for behind the scene anecdotes and Q&A.

PHOTO BY DUNCAN SCHIEDT

Jazz legends Lionel Hampton and Benny Goodman.

On the following Tuesday, Feb. 8 at 7:00 P.M., again in KJ Aud, "Joe Williams: A Portrait in Song" will be screened. This concert documentary was filmed in 1996 in our own Wellin Hall, with the legendary jazz singer Joe Williams performing with the Count Basie Orchestra. Wellin was swinging that night and the Basie Band is not to be missed. Mr. Williams received an honorary degree from Hamilton in 1989, the first of thirteen jazz artists to be so honored. Burril Crohn, the films producer will be in attendance to share his thoughts on capturing jazz on film.

Both film events are free to to students and the public. Call 859-4071 for further information.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Happy (obscenely extravagant) sweet sixteen

by Megan Semerod '06
A&E Writer

"A collar and a bow – perfect." No, this isn't half of Hamilton getting ready for classes. It's a quote from the new MTV show, *My Super Sweet 16.* Just as I was learning to deal without *Laguna Beach: The Real Orange County,* MTV found a new show to air after the Real World.

Focusing on girls preparing for becoming sweet 16, MTV tracks the party planning events for girls that are 15 going on 26. Obviously these teens have to deal with the usual stresses, jealous siblings, tyrannical parents and friendship dramas, but now they have the added dilemma of which major band to book for their parties.

In the first episode, which aired Tuesday at 10:30 P.M., two best friends were faced with the choice of booking Beyonce for $500,000. The girls were thrilled that she'd play their party but were not ready to have their parents pay that much. Instead they settled for having Unwritten Law play and Pauly Shore show up. Invites to the party were obviously the hottest ticket in high school that day.

Week two of the show highlights something Hamilton is familiar with - theme parties. Jackie clashes with her mother on the overdone theme of Mardi Gras. As if the party couldn't get more stressful, Jackie falls in love with a boy other than her boyfriend and is surprised by her former and less popular friends, who coincidentally were "not on the invited list." Following another Hamilton "tradition," her old friends streak through the country club in an attempt to ruin her perfect party. Maximum levels of drama in only thirty minutes!

Following the trend of spotlighting the pitiful and most times painful dramas of high school life, as *Mean Girls* and *A Cinderella Story*, MTV is once again promoting more shows that are geared to the high school aged audience. Can most teenagers even dare to dream that their birthdays will compare to *My Super Sweet 16*? Are teens destined to have a future filled with debutante balls now complete with a saucy spot of pettiness?

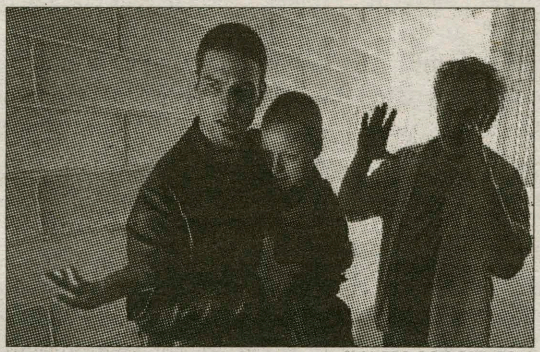
While next week's episode focuses on a different set of characters, the premise will be the same. We'll follow the birthday girls as they shop for the perfect outfit, book the perfect spot and stress out way too much. Will someone dare to show up in the same outfit as the chosen ones? Will security have to break up a mosh pit? The season of My Super Sweet 16 leaves the promise of excitement, a few laughs and tremendous relief that we never will be high school students again. Super.

The contest to contest all contests: the 24 Hour Film-Making Contest

by Andrew Whalen '08
A&E Columnist

Being a leading liberal arts college requires a dedication to academics, an unerring vision for the future and shameless imitation. Quick, catch that bandwagon! In this spirit, the Film Production Guild presents the 24 Hour Film-Making Contest. We decided it was time we got in on the 24 hour movie-making action! Modeled closely after contests in New York and Vancouver, the 24 Hour Film-Making Contest will bring the feel of a big city, prestigious competition to Hamilton College for one cinematic weekend. Participants are already strapping in for the long haul: a continuous movie-making delirium that will last from midnight tonight until midnight tomorrow.

The rules are simple: write, shoot, and edit a short film in the given time frame. The only confinements are the genre each group draws and a single line of dialogue pre-written. Yet within that structure is limitless possibility. Like the aleph, each film has the potential to encapsulate any possible idea. Each crew is free to assemble a complex thesis, like the tender folding of an origami crane. More importantly, each crew also has the option to fool around for 24 hours and then show their debauchery to the rest of the campus while gorging themselves on free popcorn. Therein lies the beauty of the competition; each group will have a vastly different experience that, at the end of the evening, will be shared with everyone.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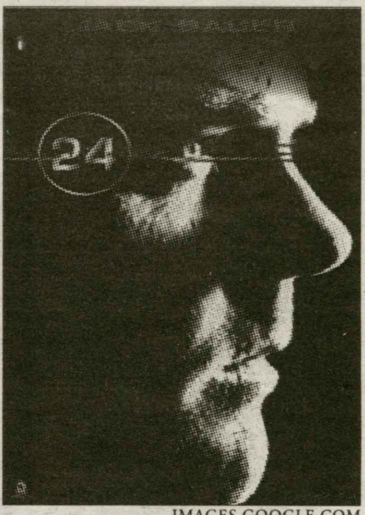
Little known fact: Spielberg filmed all of *Minority Report* during a 24 Hour Film-Making Contest! Ok, that's not true. But wouldn't it be cool if it was?

By this point you are either helplessly enraptured or completely disinterested. Maybe the 24 Hour Film-Making Contest is not for you. Maybe you simply have no creativity, drive or energy to express to others. Maybe you are merely a soulless husk of a human being, with no spark dancing in your eyes. However, for the select few who remain intrigued with soul intact, the 24 Hour Film-Making Contest may very well be a more than worthwhile experience. Whether you draw horror, noir, commercial or erotic, this is a chance not only to craft a story, but also to make some unique memories (plus there are prizes!). So, instead of rushing out to forget everything and wake up alongside some random man, woman or plant, try something different. How about registering to enter the 24 Hour Film-Making Contest? Find two to seven friends, think up a witty team name and write AWhalen@hamilton.edu or call x2330 and ask for me. And, if you don't have any friends, we encourage you to drop by Annex A at 11pm on Friday so we can hook you up with some.

Of course, the point of this article is not to ruminate on the limitless potential of film as a medium, but instead to shamelessly promote an event to which I am condemnably tied. Here is the point in which the editorial truly comes out. The Film Production Guild is a brand-spanking new club on campus. Our membership now encompasses a motley crew of cinephiles, nerds, artists and more, uh, nerds, all dedicated to making movies and spreading the understanding of film on campus. Expect to hear a lot more from these guys in the upcoming years. This 24 Hour Film-Making Contest is the culmination of a semester of planning. It is the Film Production Guild's kick-off event, and it is going to rock the face off of everyone who participates.

So, to re-cap, registered teams show up at 11pm Friday to Annex A. If you have not registered, come anyway and we may be able to accommodate your crew. Be prepared to get little sleep. Absolutely no equipment is necessary. Also, don't let a lack of experience stop you. If your crew does not know how to edit, we will have people hold you by the hand. Finally, if you are not one of the brave souls capable of staying up for a straight 24 hours of movie-making, drop by Annex A at midnight on Saturday to view all the entries and back up your buds. Good luck to all in their creative endeavors!



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The 24 Hour Film-Making Contest promises to be just as exciting as this season of *24*. And with no terrorists!

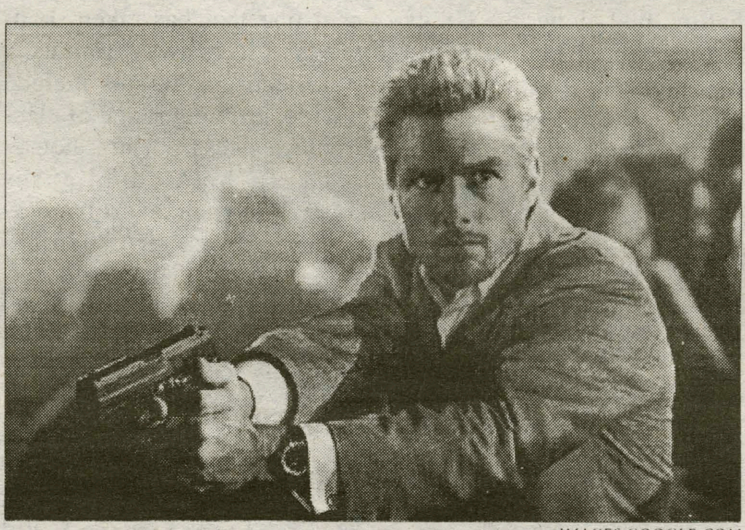
Badass Movie Reviews: *Collateral*

by Tim Mudie '05
A&E EDITOR

There are certain actors that you just have to assume are badass. Samuel L. Jackson, for example. That man could be playing Jesus and he'd be badass doing it. Tom Cruise though; Tom Cruise is not one of those people. Sure, he's been badass before (see *Last Samurai*), but he's not someone who is always badass. But, through the magic of cinema, Tom Cruise in *Collateral* has become one of the most badass dudes of the year. And does he ever put the "bad" in badass. It's inspired me to ask the Career Center about entry-level positions for contract killers. It does seem to be a pretty steady job; Cruise has been doing it for so long he's gone grey.

As you should have guessed (you are, after all, college students), Tom Cruise plays a contract killer in *Collateral*. But he's not a native Los Angelino, so he needs someone to drive him to his victims. For this, he enlists Jamie Foxx, a cab-driver with big dreams of starting his own limo service. I don't know why I bothered to mention that limo service thing, because it really doesn't matter. What *does* matter is the interaction between Foxx and Cruise, especially once Foxx (early on) realizes what Cruise is up to (killing dudes). Foxx, being a good guy, doesn't approve of cold-blooded killing (what a square), which he lets Cruise know. Apparently Foxx doesn't realize one very important thing: never, *ever* disagree with a professional killer. These are not people known for their fair or forgiving temperaments. And so Cruise handcuffs Foxx to the steering wheel, which leads me to a description of the most badass scene of the movie (out of many possibilities).

A prevailing theme in *Collateral* is alienation, the idea that no one cares about anyone else in L.A. Cruise first mentions this in a story he tells Foxx about a man who died on the L.A. subway and was on the train for six hours before anyone noticed. This comes up again when Foxx is parked down an alley, handcuffed to the wheel, waiting for Cruise to kill another guy. He hits the horn, flashes the lights, but no one pays attention. Happily, some people finally notice. Unhappily, these people have noticed because they want to rob Foxx. Now, none of this is particularly badass, but wait. As the group is leaving, Tom Cruise returns to the cab. Realizing what's up he calls out a passive, "Yo, homies" to the group. They turn around, intending to be badass, but Cruise out-badasses them and murders all of them. Now, obviously I don't condone killing for any reason in real life, but cinematically? Oh, man. What would make Cruise a terrible person in real life makes him a terribly badass person in the world of film. And there are plenty more badass scenes that make this movie very much worth seeing.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Some people like the villain Tom Cruise better than the hero. Either way, he's pretty badass, but infinitely more badass when he has gray hair and a Barretta. Sweet.

Unfortunately, *Collateral* can get pretty Hollywood at times. Not that I have anything against Hollywood (if you've ever read this you know that I don't), but in this case Hollywood rears its ugly head in the guise of a highly improbably and needless romantic subplot. Here it is: Jada Pinkett Smith is a passenger in Foxx's cab right before Cruise. She gives Foxx her phone number and leaves, passing Cruise on his way to the cab. I sincerely hope that you see where this is going, because I called it immediately and am going to give it away now. Jada Pinkett Smith is Cruise's last target. Yeah, it's pretty gross. Overall though, the movie is very well made. Foxx was nominated for both a Golden Globe and an Oscar for Best Supporting Actor. I have no idea what happened at the Golden Globes, but I'm hoping he wins the Oscar. Not for any particular reason; mostly because I haven't seen the other movies with actors nominated. in fact, I bet he wins for *Ray* too. I didn't see that either, but I'm calling it. So he could win double Academy Awards. Now *that* would be truly badass. This has been **Badass Movie Reviews**. Next Week: *Baby Geniuses 2*.

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Love, Actually, is all around...

by Katey Healy-Wurzburg '05
A&E WRITER

What!? A review of a romance?? BY ME?!?

I know, I know... I am your faithful Katey, ever-nerdy, never-sappy and oh-so-crazy. Well, even I can get sucked into a romance... if the romance part ends with -tic and is attached to -comedy that is. Anyway, like many people over this past break, I maybe watched a smidgen of television. Luckily for me, my family got digital cable (ooooh!) right after I left for college. Which means my breaks are scintillating non-stop thrill-a-minute adventures... okay, no, of course not. I sit on me bum all day and watch the telly. And I do mean the telly. 'Yay!' to BBC America. And HBO, as it turns out. HBO's near Christmas scheduling was a flurry of British programming... must be the whole Scrooge, Charles Dickens-complex-we don't feel properly holly and jolly until the Brits help us along. Anywho, we must express deep and ever-lasting gratitude to HBO for doing this because they are responsible for exposing me to a wonderful movie, Love Actually.

Wow. Okay, that was the longest introduction ever. Anyway, back to the review. If you haven't seen *Love Actually*... because you have been living under a rock, or because you have been feeling extra sensitive about romantic stuff because of a recent break-up... or lack of romatic activity... or because you just sort of suck generally... GO RENT IT NOW! Buy it, even. It was on sale for ten dollars at Target last week. Boy, girl, man, womyn, young, older, single, married, dating, whatever, watch it! I really think this is one of those few movies that can appeal to nearly everyone. Except maybe Pol Pot. He probably would have disliked the general lack of genocide. It is funny, it has a great soundtrack, it is sweet... okay, okay, enough unqualified praise, lets get down to the nitty gritty.

The movie is first and foremost British. It is secondly a cast. The movie is centered within a period of time and on certain storylines, as opposed to a traditional single-relationship romance. For me, this is what made it so funny and yet realistic. It is set in the Christmas Season, in the month leading up to Christmas. You see the rather rapid development of storylines and relationships between eight primary couples. However, none are traditional or ideal relationships... as much of our own lives tend to unfold. Burning, never-revealed crushes, contemplated infidelity, the struggle to overcome the loss of a love and the never ending attempt to be an appealing version of yourself long enough to find someone to keep up with you... familiar encounters to us all, I think.

Love Actually is admirably and unflaggingly British. The appearance of Rowan Atkinson, who I think epitomizes his country's quirks and best qualities equally, is a cameo whose value and hilarity is comparable only to those of Christopher Walken. Most fascinating to me was the director, Richard Curtis', use of music as a palpable, universalizing force nearly took on the role of actor itself, serving to help the story and people's actions to be eased remarkably. However, many of my favorite actors are actually in it as well, including Liam Neeson, Alan Rickman and Keira Knightley. A Jedi Knight, the Voice of God and a bad-ass pirate. Sweeet! Also gracing the screen with their excellent and super sexy performances were Hugh Grant, Colin Firth and Rodrigo Santoro (Karl). In my horny, er, I mean, humble opinion, the movie could have just been these two standing around being hot, and I would have been happy.

But the best part is that it wasn't. *Love Actually* was all of the stories-pain and love and laughter together, weaving a lovely, somewhat cheesy, but profoundly true story of the family of friends and loves possible today. *Love Actually* is funny, sweet, hilarious, silly, optimistic and also somehow true, all at the same time. It is amazing, and I quite simply love it. I give *Love Actually* 11 out of 10 stars... or maybe hearts.

Electronic waste is growing problem in Asia

by Yejun Qian '08
Science & Technology Writer

When you happily get rid of your old laptop or cell phone, do you know where they will soon end up? Recycling centers? Some do, but most of them will end up in rural areas in developing Asian countries, where poor villagers engage in highly polluting "recycling" activities such as the open burning of motors and wires to liberate metals from plastic insulation or housings. Much of this material comes from US recycling centers. Studies indicate that in 2002 alone, the US exported up to 10.2 million obsolete computers (or around 50–80% of all PCs sent for recycling in the United States) to Asia, most of them to China. The number has been climbing over the years.

Ironically, when millions of dollars are pledged to fight against the tsunami in Asia, some industrial nations, notably the United States, are consciously creating an electronic waste, or e-waste, tsunami much more devastating than the recent one that has taken thousands of lives away from us.

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The United States sent 10.2 million used computers to Asia in 2002, adding to an already serious pollution problem.

Electronic wastes include a wide, growing range of electronic devices from large household appliances such as refrigerators, air conditioners, hand-held cellular phones, personal stereos and consumer electronics to computers. According to the Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition, more than 1,000 hazardous substances exist in e-wastes, including lead, cadmium, mercury, chromium and plastic additives. Few studies have been conducted regarding e-waste impacts and little data have been collected, yet numerous anecdotes have pointed to the same conclusion that serious health and ecological effects already have occurred around recycling facilities. In Guiyu, China, for example, the native fish have disappeared; groundwater has progressively become undrinkable; local residents appear to manifest respiratory diseases at higher rates; over 50% of the local students have breathing problems.

The most fundamental source of exporting e-wastes is their poor recyclability resulting primarily from environmentally unfriendly technology design. Most of the computers being manufactured include toxics as design specifications, yet computer manufacturers, who have most of the knowledge and resources needed to prevent the risks embedded in their technologies, have been alarmingly inactive in approaching "greener design" because of the lack of incentives to do so. As a result, recyclers of e-wastes face an embarrassing amount of exposure to toxic substances and are troubled by complicated structures and differentiated designs which favor manual recycling.

A further reason that industrial nations prefer exporting e-waste is the low market value of the materials in, for instance, a computer. In Asia, however, e-waste dealers make considerable profits largely thanks to the extremely low labor cost.

In coping with the e-waste dilemma, the European Union has passed laws requiring manufacturers not only to take back electronics for recycling, but also to improve their design strategies in order to eliminate the use of toxic substances in computer production. However, the United States, the biggest electronics manufacturer, not only has not imposed any take-back laws, but still encourages the transnational trade of e-waste by exempting it from its own export laws.

Of course, many other factors contribute to the creation of e-waste tsunami, notably the currently loose international framework that gives insufficient oversight of the transboundary movement of hazardous waste, and the pervasive lack of knowledge among the public about e-wastes remarkably shortens the life span of electronics such as computers and intensifies their exportation.

Global warming expected to worsen

by Jonathan Farber '08
Science & Technology Writer

Global warming has quickly become a heated issue of debate, but how many people really know anything about it?

Everyone knows that the Earth's temperature is rising, but how much will it continue to rise? It depends on who you ask, but most scientists agree that by 2100, the temperature will increase another 1.5 to 4.5 degrees Celsius. Science Magazine, a well-respected magazine, also believes that sea levels will rise 25-75 cm in that same time span. Are humans to blame for these figures? Well, yes and no.

Interestingly enough, global warming is a natural occurrence. Sea levels are rising and will continue to rise until we experience our next ice age; however, humans have contributed.

In fact, according to the Environmental Protection Agency, since the industrial revolution 30% more carbon dioxide, 15% more nitrous oxide and twice the methane have been released into the atmosphere. The problem here is that all of these are key greenhouse gasses, gasses that trap heat within the Earth's atmosphere. As the concentration of these gasses rises, so does the Earth's average temperature.

Some argue that an increase in Earth's temperature is a good thing. After all, many Hamiltonians would love an extra degree or two in January. Those who refuse to acknowledge the dangers of global warming continue stating that global warming does not cause more storms, and they are right, it doesn't.

Instead, global warming causes more severe storms. America is able to handle this occurrence; we are well equipped to handle harsh floods and droughts. Sure, it would cost a lot of money, but the storms would be handled much more easily than they would in third world countries like Ethiopia and Bangladesh, where homes and lives are destroyed and any economy left crippled.

Global warming also comes with an ecological price. Trees like the oak, birch and mapletree produce foliage almost three weeks earlier than other trees. In addition, many species are failing to adapt to the climate change in their area. Toying with the extinction of species is like playing Russian roulette with nature, one never knows which species will trigger the destruction of a habitat.

No one expects the movie *The Day After Tomorrow* to come true, but global warming is nevertheless a dangerous phenomenon about which we must be knowledgeable. Sifting through information on the web can be misleading. The information in this article is basic. To find out more, one can search through Hamilton's exhaustive amount of encyclopedias and research sources.

UK study shows possible health risk from cell phones

by Laura Trubiano '07
Science & Technology Writer

Walking across campus on any given day, you will see several students on cell phones walking to class, in the dining halls, even in the library; in fact, you're probably one of them. While this may be expected on a college campus like this one, would you expect to find the students of Clinton Elementary School on cell phones at recess or after school? Most of us here at Hamilton probably got our first cell phones in high school or maybe even in college. But in the past five years, the number of children under the age of 13 using cell phones has doubled—and according to a recent study in the United Kingdom, this use of cell phones by young children could have some medical repercussions.

Since 2000 there have been several studies done on the possible health risks of cell phones. In 2000, another United Kingdom group, the Independent Expert Group on Mobile Phones, warned that children may be particularly vulnerable to the radio frequency (RF) radiation exposure than adults because their nervous systems are still developing, which allows for greater absorption of energy in the tissues of the brain. Also, children who begin using cell phones at such a young age are exposed to a much longer lifetime of exposure than most cell phone users. Other studies of this sort link RF radiation to DNA damage, auditory nerve tumors and impaired brain function. However, none of this research is conclusive because cell phones are too recent an invention to collect solid data on the effects of long term use.

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Studies have shown that cell phones may cause health problems for young children.

The study released last Tuesday by the United Kingdom's National Radiological Protection Board echoed the warnings of the 2000 study. "The Board believes that the main conclusions reached in the Stewart Report in 2000 still apply today and that a precautionary approach to the use of mobile technologies should continue to be adopted," the study says. It also urges that children under the age of eight not use cell phones and those children ages nine to thirteen make only essential calls.

Clearly there is reason to believe that the radiation from cell phones can be harmful, and even more harmful to children. However, there will be no conclusive evidence on the matter until this young generation of cell phone users can be observed much later in their lives.

Massive iceberg grounded on Antarctica's coast threatens wildlife and research bases

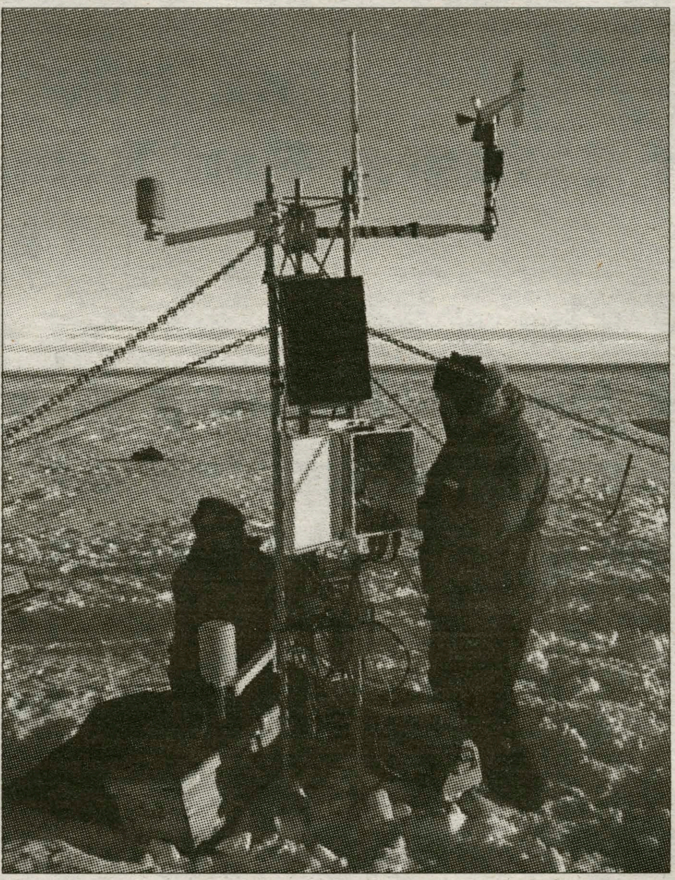
by Kate Jurras '06
Science & Technology Writer

For centuries, icebergs have posed a threat to countries such as Canada, Antarctica and Greenland. Most of the icebergs in the North Atlantic come from about 100 glaciers in the area. These icebergs can move up to 7 km each year and are among the fastest in the world, often threatening to collide with nearby land masses. The world's largest iceberg, B15A, is measured at an alarming 100 miles long and is one of these fast-moving glaciers of the North Atlantic.

Experts have long expected B15A to crash into an area of Antarctica called McMurdo, which is home to the United States Research Station in Antarctica. Since April of 2000, when the B15A separated from the Ross Ice Shelf on the edge of Antarctica, it has posed the threat of collision. Recently, however, the iceberg has done something that may be worse: it has grounded itself along the side of Antarctica, presenting a problem to the residentsof the continent, both human and animal alike.

If the iceberg had slammed into the side of Antarctica, as predicted, it would most likely have hit a glacier known as the Drygalski Ice Tongue, breaking it into several pieces. The glacier would then have floated out into the sea: something that would actually have been desirable. Scientists were hoping for this outcome, as the passing of the glacier would have cleared blocked water routes. However, according to science strategy manager for the government at the New Zealand Antarctic Institute, Dean Peterson, the iceberg has "wedged itself between two shallow areas" and appears to be "shimmying back and forth now." Peterson is unsure if the iceberg will ever reach the Drygalski glacier, as previously predicted.

There are a myriad of repercussions that the wedged iceberg has already begun to pose, no more than a week after the incident. The iceberg has blocked ocean currents, which is leading to an accumulation of sea ice. For humans, this means that all of the ships which are scheduled to arrive within the month now have no place to land. In order for these ships, which transport necessities such as food supplies, to reach the island, the only solution may be to ice-blast through the iceberg in order to free up the coastline. Another option would be using temporary pipelines to transmit fuel. Additionally, the three research bases on Antarctica, which belong to the United States, New Zealand and Italy, will have to face serious problems if the iceberg remains in limbo, stuck at the edge of the McMurdo Sound.



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Scientists install a GPS tracking system on Iceberg B15A, the largest iceberg in the world.

It is not humans, however, but penguins, who are the most seriously affected by the iceberg lodging itself against Antarctica. Potential starvation looms for tens of thousands of Adele penguin chicks, whose main food source has been blocked by the large iceberg. Penguin parents feed their babies with food from the open sea; this sea has recently become more than 110 miles further away. In order to feed their young, adult penguins must traverse at least 110 miles to reach food. This situation is extremely threatening to the penguin population of Antarctica.

Scientists are now faced with the difficult task of bringing Antarctica back to a normal level of functioning. As of yet, it is unclear what needs to be done in order to protect the people and animals of Antarctica, but the iceberg has proven the tremendous power of nature.

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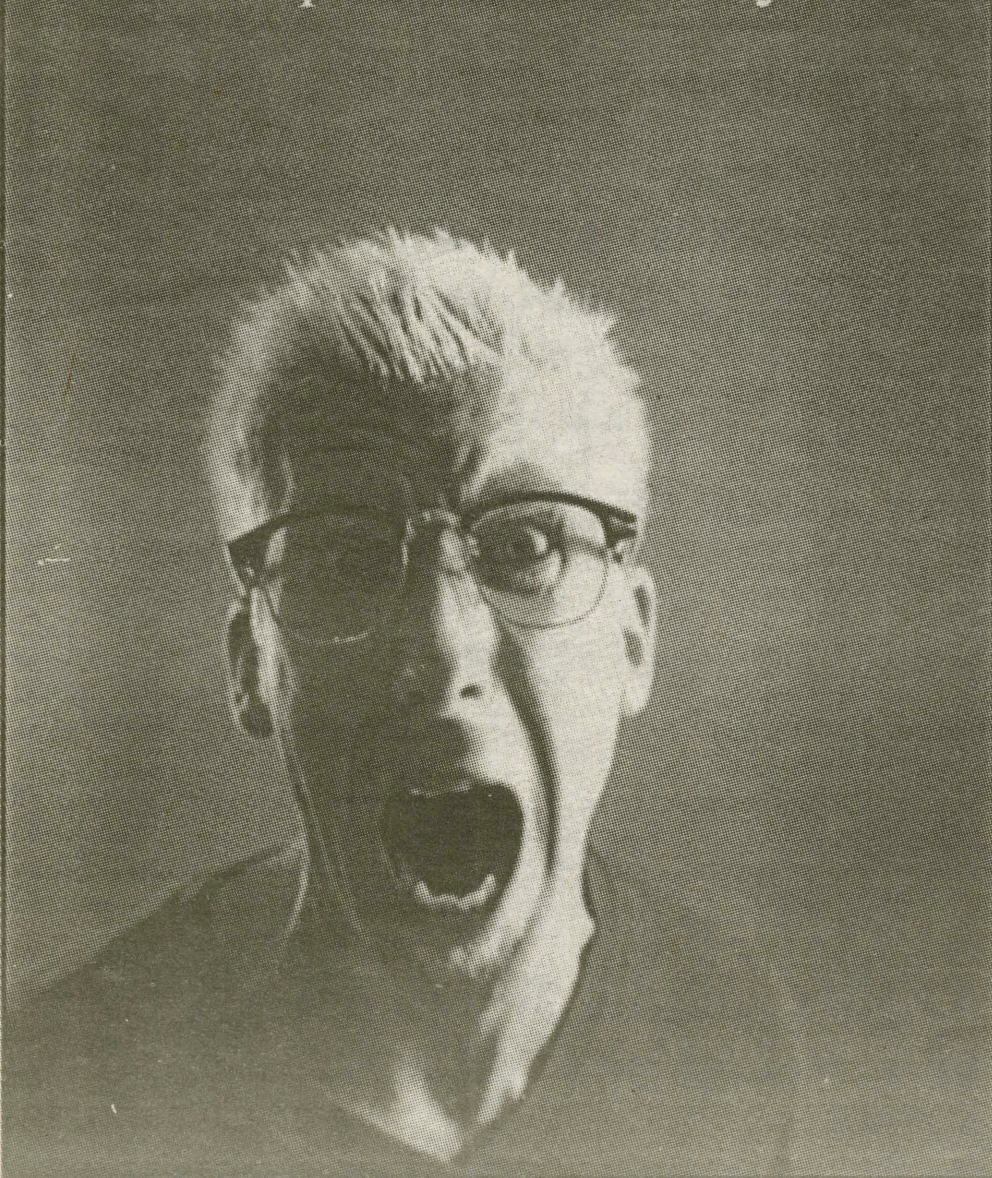

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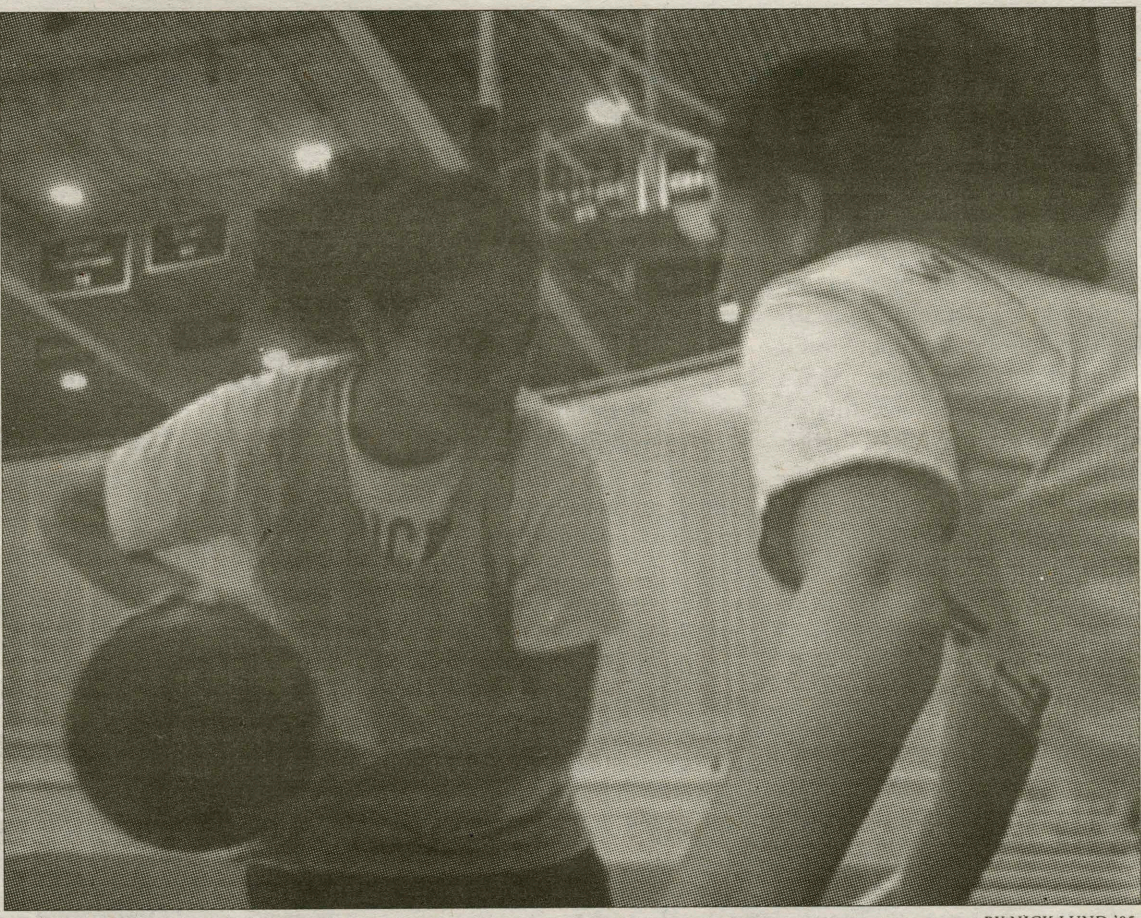
Conts #4 in Liberty League

By Paul Kibbe '05
SPORTS WRITER

Hamilton's women's basketball team played in their biggest league game of the year on Tuesday, just three days after the biggest game in Liberty League play this season. Hamilton played three league games in the past week, with each game being more important than the last. Friday night Hamilton took on a Union team going into the game 3-0 and in first place in the league. Hamilton was 1-1 in league play and came in to the game knowing that every point counted. At the half, Hamilton had the lead by just a point 23-22.

While Union shot 41% from the floor to Hamilton's 32%, the Continentals managed to keep the game close by rebounding the ball and playing tight defense. Both teams came out strong in the second half, a half that proved to be just as much of a dogfight as the first. Hamilton was up by as much as six in the second half but relinquished the lead. After both teams converted free throws late in the game, Hamilton had two possessions, trailing just 56-54. After three lay-up attempts failed to drop for the Continentals, Union held the ball and the lead and with the win moved to 4-0 in the league and remained in first place.

Tricia Czeski '05 continued her dominant play finishing with 12 points and eight rebounds. Fellow starters, Pumla Sathula '08 and Erin Daugherty '06, had great games in the loss. Sathula was the only other Continental in double figures with 10 points and led the team with nine rebounds. Daugherty had nine points, including two three-pointers, and also registered a team high four of Hamilton's 17 steals. Jess Barrows '08 came off the bench to score nine points, making three three-pointers. In the end, Hamilton's offense let them down shooting just 31% from the field. The defense did allow Union to shoot 47% from the floor but limited the number of shots taken which kept Hamilton in the game while forcing Union to turn the ball over 25 times.



BY NICK LUND '05

Allie Massaro '07 recorded 15 points, 7 rebounds, and 3 steals at William Smith on January 25. The Continentals upset the top-ranked Herons 60-53, stopping William Smith's six-game winning streak.

The following afternoon Hamilton took on a much weaker Skidmore team who was just 1-3 in league play going into the game. Hamilton pummeled Skidmore from the get go, never giving the team a chance to be in the game. Hamilton scored 33 points in the first half on 12 of 28 shooting. Skidmore could only muster 19 points, shooting 33% from the field. The second half was no different, the Continentals dominated on both ends of the floor scoring 36 points to Skidmore's 26. Hamilton ran away with the win 69-45. Pumla Sathula led the Continentals in the victory with her solid mid-range jumper and dominance in the low post. She finished with a game high 18 points and a team high seven rebounds. Maria Garvin '07 had her best game of the season, after missing most of the first half of the season to an ankle injury. Garvin had nine points and five rebounds in only 12 minutes of play. Barrows also had a good performance off the bench netting two threes on her way to scoring 10 points.

While Hamilton's game was important because the win brought them back to .500 in league play (2-2), the most important game was taking place at William Smith. Union was taking on the women of William Smith, with the winner gaining sole control of first place in the

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Beat the Experts

Beat the "Experts" is by no means associated with organized gambling on professional or college athletics. Each week, we willpick several games in which to choose winners, and we will have a special guest pick winners as well.

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Continentals need tie-breaker win VS. RPI

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league. Both teams went into the game at 4-0 but the play on the court did not resemble a game of such magnitude. William Smith pounded the Union team and although Union's offense finally showed up in the second half, the final score told the truth. William Smith was the team to beat in the league after beating Union by 14 points, 73-59. The win improved William Smith's record to 5-0 in the Liberty League. The game was of more importance also because Hamilton was scheduled to travel to William Smith just three days later. Hamilton knew they had the chance to beat Union and let it slip away but they did not expect such a blowout in the match-up between the two number ones in the league.

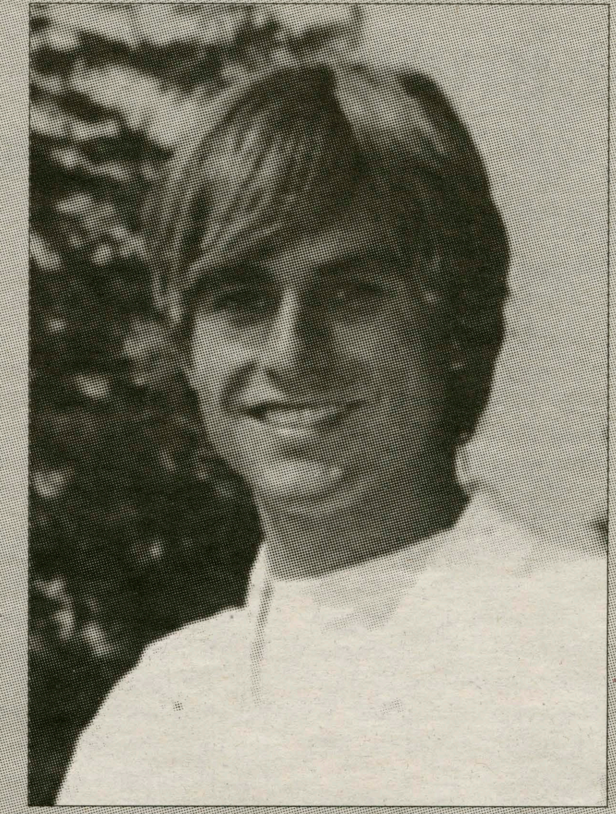
Hamilton did not get disheartened by the drubbing Union took from the Continentals next opponent. The Hamilton women instead used it as fuel for the fire that was already burning. Hamilton's defense, which has been the key to success in every win for the Continentals this season, showed up to play in the team's biggest game of the year thus far. Defensively, Hamilton allowed William Smith to shoot only 30% from the floor and forced them to turn the ball over 26 times, a season high for William Smith. Meanwhile Hamilton's offense never slowed up, thanks in part to strong performances from the team's underclassmen. The Continentals led 31-23 at the half and although the shots did not fall as easily in the second half, William Smith could never get the score closer than six points. Hamilton went on to win in fairly easy fashion, 60-53.

Allie Massaro '07 had her best performance of the season, coming off the bench to score 15 points on five of 10 shooting and also grabbed seven rebounds. Barrows had another good performance, finishing with 13 points, which was aided by making all six attempts from the free throw line. The only starter in double figures was Sathula. Sathula made her first bid at a triple-double but fell just three steals short, finishing with 11 points, 11 rebounds, and seven steals.

The win put Hamilton right back in the Liberty League playoff hunt. The top four teams make the playoffs and going into this weekend there is a three way tie for first between Union, William Smith and St. Lawrence, who are all 4-1. Hamilton is tied for fourth with RPI, with both teams sharing a record of 3-2. The tie for fourth with RPI could not be more important for the Continentals going into their games this weekend. Hamilton travels to Troy, NY on Friday night to take on the Red Hawks of RPI. A win for the Continentals would improve their league record to 4-2 and would also put them in sole possession of one of the four playoff spots. After the game on Friday, Hamilton travels south to Poughkeepsie to take on Vassar which is just 1-4 in the league and 5-10 on the season. Every league game is important for the Continentals from here on out and even more important because the Hamilton women are fighting for a playoff spot with the first half of the league season coming to an end.

Athlete of the Week

Zach Yeager '08



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In addition to track and field, Yeager is a member of the Golf team.

By Sara Bryant '08
SPORTS WRITER

If you have ever seen Hamilton's track team in action, you will be sure to notice one stand-out athlete racing in blue. Zach Yeager is a first year student at Hamilton this year and has already begun to show a promising future for the Continental's Track and Field program.

In only the preliminary weeks of the Indoor Track and Field season Zach is preparing for an incredibly rigorous and exciting season. You would not believe it by observing Zach's running, but this is in fact his first time running competitively in his life.

After only two track meets, the Men's track team has been able to capture two victories. Zach feels that the track team shows a promising future and is excited to see what the rest of the season will bring. Because this is Zach's first experience on a track team, he does not know exactly what to expect. He is sure, however, that it will be challenging and fun. Zach says that the team is a great group of guys and that they have a lot of fun, no matter how hard the work out might be.

In the track meet last Sunday, Zach was unfortunately not able to run due to an injury last week, but he is back and ready for action in this Saturday's meet! "I am 100% ready to go!" Zach says, and we sure hope so because the track team will be traveling all the way to St. Lawrence University for a rigorous track meet. Some of the competitors the Continentals will face at St. Lawrence are Alfred, Nazareth, Oswego, Plattsburgh, RIT, University of Rochester, St. Lawrence, and the University of Ottawa.

Zach is currently training for the 3,000 meter and 1,500 meter races, which is not an easy feat. For those of you who are not track savvy, the 3,000 meter race is fifteen laps around the indoor track and just over two miles. The 1,500 meter race is seven and a half laps around the track and is just under one mile.

Running is not Zach's only area of expertise. In the fall of this year, Zach was a staple in the Hamilton College men's golf team. After eight years of playing golf Zach has a lot to show for himself. Zach was selected as Liberty League's "Rookie of the Week" for golf for the week of September 13, 2004. What's his secret? His set of Cleveland clubs. Zach says that his favorite golf club is his 2-iron and it has lead him to many victories.

This all around athlete has a very bright future ahead of him. Make sure to come out to the Continental's Track meets and watch Zach in action.

Salmon continues win streak in diving

Swimming faces off against Amherst; Schwerin and Chavleishvili named Rookies of Week

By Katie Childs '08
SPORTS EDITOR

Mike Salmon '06 continued his impressive winning strrsk in diving on Saturday, January 22 against Amherst College. Salmon finished first in the 3-meter diving event with 268.20 points and placed first in the 1-meter diving event with a score of 286.72. Salmon has won eight straight diving events and will face competitors from Division I Colgate University tonight.

HAMILTON ROUNDUP

MEN'S SWIMMING

The Men's swimming and diving team lost 127-110 at Amherst College on January 22.

Aran Lawrence '05 took first place with a .06 second lead in the 50-yard freestyle, finishing in 21.46 seconds. Lawrence was also part of the 200-yard medley relay team, alongside **Todd Johnson '08**, **Tae Chung '05**, and **Andrew Fink '05**. The relay team finished in 1:36.56, leading by just .33 seconds ahead of Amherst.

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Liberty League Squash Rookie of the Week Natalie Schwerin '08.

Tim Reed '06 won the 1000-yard freestyle in 10:05.96 minutes. He also had a first place finish with the 800-yard freestyle relay team. **Ben Delia '05**, Reed, **Christian Warner '07**, and Fink captured the relay win in 7:19.09 minutes.

The Continentals will face Colgate University tonight in Hamilton, NY.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

The Women's swimming and diving team fell to Amherst College 145-90 on January 22. Amherst placed eighth last year at the NCAA Championships, while Hamilton captured fifteenth place.

The 800-yard freestyle relay placed first. **Katherine Hankowski '05**, **Cecilia Tripp '05**, **Ashley DeMaio-Zacharek '08**, and **Olivia Reynolds '08** combined to finish in 8:21.84 minutes.

Diver **Emily Clinkhammer '06** took first place in the three-meter diving event, earning 246.38 points.

The Continentals will face Colgate University tonight.

LIBERTY LEAGUE WINNERS

The Liberty League selected two Hamilton College freshmen for their weekly athletic honors: **Giorgi Chavleishvili '08** (Rookie of the Week, Men's basketball) and **Natalie Schwerin '08** (Co-Rookie of the Week, Women's squash).

Men's hockey continues fine play

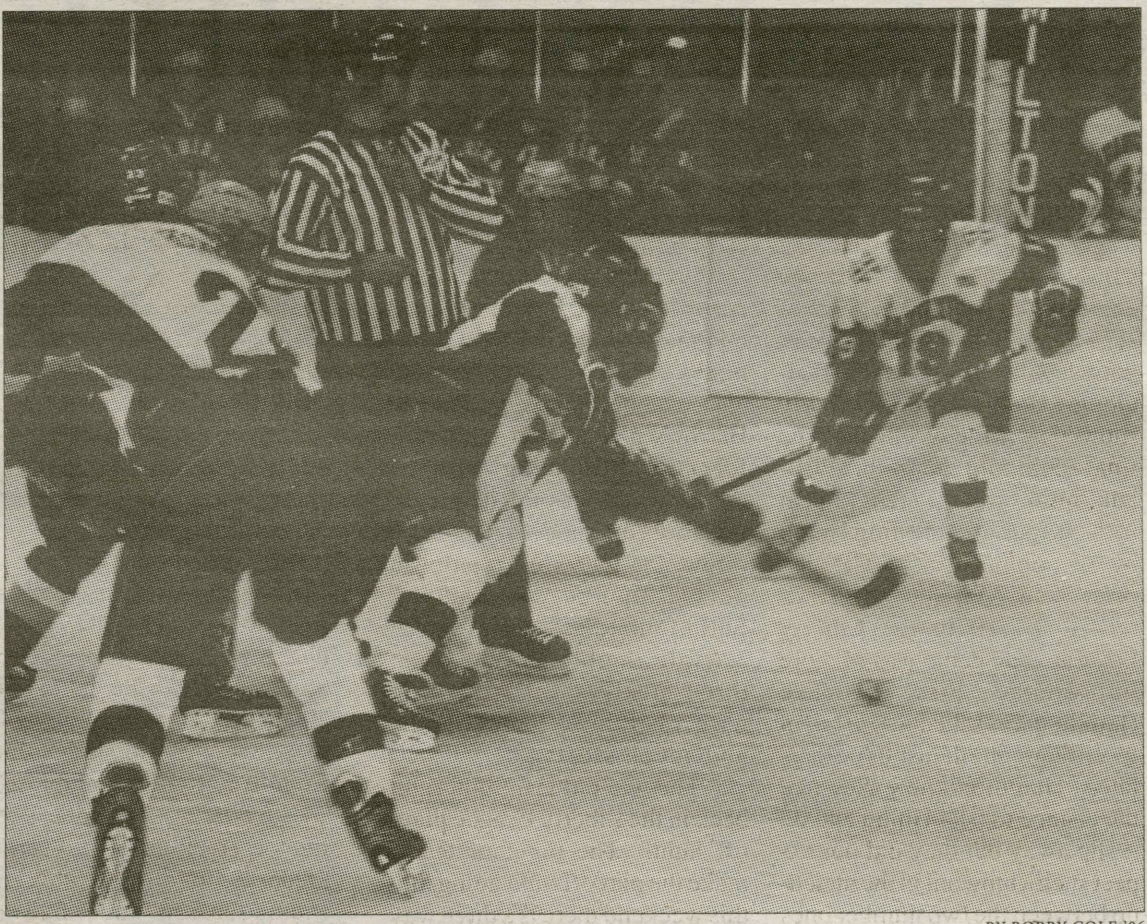
By Andrew Dassori '07
SPORTS EDITOR

In with the snow has come some fine college hockey up here on the Hill, as Hamilton's Continentals continue to fight for a spot in the NESCAC playoffs. The team, led by captains Gus Katsuras '06, Michael Hayes '06, and Rob MacNeil '05, has maintained a competitive demeanor throughout the season, and proved its determination with a couple of big wins and a tough loss this past week.

Tri-Captain Rob MacNeil '05 saved 14 shots and let up just one goal to push his save percentage to .923, ranking him among the best in the NESCAC.

The Continentals managed a solid win over Skidmore College in their game on January 21, scoring five while giving up only one goal to the Thoroughbreds in front of a packed house at Sage Rink. Hayes and Jeff Vatour '06 each lit the lamp twice, and fellow junior Katsuras added the final goal in the victory. MacNeil saved 14 shots and let up just one goal to push his save percentage to .923, ranking him among the best in the NESCAC. Defenseman John Gordon '07 also continued his punishing play in the win, with several colossal hits.

The Continentals continued their fine play as they trounced Castleton State with a score of 10-0 on January 22. The team was led by sophomore Casey Deak '07, who notched his first career hat trick. Gabe Tash '06 not only recorded the shutout in the net, but also had an assist in the impressive win. Vatour and Greg Cerra '06 each scored twice, and Joe Buteau '08 and Josh Benson '06 had their first career goals for the Continentals. Overall, the team dominated Castleton State's 2-year-old program throughout the game, controlling the puck from start to finish and giving up only five shots total.


BY BOBBY COLE '06

Gregory Cerra (19) scored twice for the Continentals versus Castleton State on January 22, at Sage Rink. The Men's hockey team is currently 8-6-3 and will face New England and St. Anslem this weekend.

The Continentals cruised into their game against Elmira College with the confidence necessary for victory, but unfortunately their shots were just a bit off target. They outshot the opposition 47-23, but Hamilton ended up losing the game 5-2 despite their solid effort and controlling play. The two goals came from Cerra and Katsuras, moving the latter of the two into second place in the NESCAC in points. Unfortunately, that was all that could be done in the face of phenomenal play by Elmira's junior net-minder, Greg Fargo. Hopefully the finishing touch is not lost for the Continentals, and they can ultimately put this game behind them.

The team looks ahead to away games against New England College and St. Anselm's as they enter the weekend with an 8-6-3 overall record. Wins this weekend will be crucial to build momentum entering next weekend's conference play against Williams and Middlebury at Sage Rink. With eight games left, and six against conference rivals, the Continentals have some tough competition in the way of their 13th straight berth in the NESCAC playoffs, but with the support of their fans the buff and blue shouldn't disappoint as they continue their winning tradition on the Hill.

Women's hockey earns tie against Williams

By Matt Bradley '07
SPORTS WRITER

"We played our best hockey this past weekend. Everyone worked hard in both games versus Williams."
–Zoe Baldwin '06

The women's hockey team ended its losing streak with a 2-2 tie in a recent match-up against NESCAC rival, Williams College. In their recent two-game series, the Continentals tied the first game and lost the second, earning them a 5-4-1 conference record. Unfortunately, the loss to Williams dropped Hamilton into fourth place while Williams edged up to third.

Hamilton's first of two games against Williams took place in the Sage Rink on January 21. Williams took the lead early with two goals in the first period. The period ended with a 2-0 Williams College lead. The second period however, was Hamilton's turn to start its offensive rush. Zoe Baldwin '06 scored the first of Hamilton's two goals on the assist from Marissa Halligan '05 and Kristina Carroll '07. Just minutes later, with only 50 seconds remaining in the second period, Tierney Boisvert '07 knocked in the tying goal on the assist from Baldwin and Halligan. The period ended with a 2-2 tie between the two NESCAC rivals. Hamilton and Williams recorded ten and nine shots-on-goal respectively in the second, making it the most offensively aggressive period for both teams. Fortunately for the Continentals however, goaltender Caitlin Connelly '07 played extremely well, blocking all ten of the shots she faced in the second.

The third period was a stalemate between the two evenly matched teams. Neither Hamilton of Williams was able to pick up any goals. Collectively, the two teams only managed to record eight shots on net. The scoreless third period led to an overtime period where hopefully a winner would emerge. Much like the third period however, overtime was dominated by defense. Hamilton recorded the only shot on goal during the period, but unfortunately, it was not converted into a goal. The game ended with a 2-2 tie, leaving Williams still one point behind Hamilton in the standings.

The January 22 match-up against Williams yielded different results for the Hamilton squad. The Continentals were edged out 3-2 by the Ephs in an extremely close game. Once again, Williams came out scoring early, picking up all three of its goals in the first period. Hamilton battled back all game, but only managed to score two goals. Halligan scored in the first period on an assist from Coleen MacNally '05. Emma Dunn '07 picked up Hamilton's second goal nine and a half minutes into the second period. Jane Bradley '07 and Halligan recorded the assists. Most notably, Halligan earned her 51st career assist. Additionally, Connelly had another solid performance in the goal, blocking 25 of the 28 shots she faced.

While the Continentals dropped in the rankings because of their most recent game against Williams, they are still extremely optimistic about the season and their progress. "We played our best hockey this past weekend. Everyone worked hard in both games versus Williams," said Baldwin confidently. "Unfourtunately," she continued, "we didn't get the wins we wanted but we are extremely happy with the progress we have made."

The squad begins its two game series against NESCAC rival, Bowdoin College, tonight at 7 PM in the Sage Rink. The upcoming Bowdoin series will definitely test the team's progress thus far. The Polar Bears are nationally ranked and will undoubtedly play aggressively against the Continentals. Baldwin finished by saying, "If we play with the intensity that we brought last weekend, we should have a successful weekend against Bowdoin."

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Men's basketball ranked #1 in Liberty League

LIBERTY LEAGUE
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The Continentals lost at Hobart College 63-74 on January 11. The top ranked teams will meet again for a home game on February 15. Hamilton and Hobart will both face Rensselaer and Vassar this weekend.

	Team	Liberty League	Overall
1	HOBART	4-1	8-6
	HAMILTON	4-1	9-6
3	VASSAR	3-2	10-5
4	ST. LAWRENCE	2-3	4-11
	RENSSELAER	2-3	9-7
	SKIDMORE	2-3	8-6
	UNION	2-3	2-2
8	CLARKSON	1-4	5-11

BY CHRISTINA GHERASIMOV '06

The Continentals earned close victories over Union and Skidmore last weekend.

By Mike Proia '05
SENIOR SPORTS EDITOR

The Scott Field House has been kind to the Continentals so far this season, and it's been a welcome sight for the men's basketball team. The Continentals pulled out a pair of close wins last weekend, and currently stand tied for first place in the Liberty League.

Hamilton edged Union in a hard fought contest Friday January 21, 68-66.

The game featured large runs by both teams, and Union held a 61-53 lead with five minutes to play, but Hamilton stepped up the defense and came roaring back. Trailing 66-62 with 1:50 to play, Liberty League Rookie of the Week Giorgi Chavleishvili '08 pounced into the lane and dropped a hook shot to cut the lead to 66-64. After a Hamilton defensive stop, the Continentals called timeout with just under a minute to compose themselves for the tying basket. The offense patiently waited for a good look at the hoops, and when the ball entered the low post and kicked back out to Nick Jones '07 at the top of the three point arc, he was sure to bury it, giving Hamilton a 67-66 lead with 35 seconds remaining.

"We didn't draw up a specific play," said head coach Tobin Anderson after the game. "We just wanted to run our offense, and wait for the open shot. We knew if we spread them out we could drive on them, and if they collapsed, we should have an open shot from the outside. Give Nick credit for hitting the shot, but the pass out to him really made the play."

Hamilton's only lead to that point in the game had been 51-49 with ten minutes to play. After another Hamilton defensive stop, Tim Welchons '06 hit a free throw with six seconds remaining and Union turned the ball over without attempting a game-tying shot. Jones led Hamilton with 20 points, followed by a strong 18 from Chavleishvili off the bench. Despite only scoring three points, Staunton Peck '06 had a major impact on the game. He led Hamilton with six assists, six steals and four rebounds, including two at the offensive end. His line was reminiscent of those of C.J. Cantil '04 in previous years.

"We have a lot of scorers on this team, so I really don't feel the need to assert myself on offense," said Peck. "I just try to do the little things to help us win. C.J. was a great player and if I could be that for this team, I'd be really proud of it." Peck also expressed his pleasure with the home crowd. "We played Potsdam in a tight game over break and lost. Tonight, we got the win. The biggest difference was the crowd. They were awesome tonight, and if we are going to win this league, we have to win at home, and the fans are a big part of that. They kept us going when we got down tonight, and made it really hard for Union to do anything on the last few possessions."

Hamilton turned right around on Saturday for another key league game against Skidmore. Again, Nick Jones set the pace with 17 points, 13 coming after halftime. Mike Evans '05 who hit five of eleven three-point attempts equaled Jones' point total. Hamilton had another cold shooting first half, hitting 37 percent of its field goal attempts. But outstanding defense held Skidmore in check, allowing Hamilton to enter the half ahead 31-24.

Both offenses heated up after halftime, with the Continentals increasing the lead to as much as 17 with eight minutes remaining, but Skidmore clawed back into the game by hitting six of ten three point attempts in the final eight minutes. The final came with 16 seconds remaining, cutting the Hamilton lead down to 74-73. Jones hit two free throws to put the lead back to three, and Skidmore missed a three as time expired, giving Hamilton the 76-73 victory.

Hamilton's next test will come on the road as the Continentals travel to Rensselaer on Friday night and Vassar on Saturday afternoon. The Continentals currently have a 2-1 road record in the conference, and will need two strong games from point guard Tim Welchons '06 to better that record. Welchons play has been much better recently as he continues to recover from several injuries. Another key for Hamilton will be improving the shooting percentage in the first half of games. Falling behind early on the road against these teams could be too much to overcome, so crisp play at both ends in the opening minutes is a must.